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Library Construction Begins As Timeline Extends Into 2004

Construction of the new $18 million downtown building for the Princeton Public Library is ready to begin after the completion of a mandated soil remediation project by PSE&G, but that construction will likely extend into early 2004.

"We have gone through many, many months of preparation," said Eric Greenfeldt, assistant director of the library and the official overseeing day-to-day construction details. "It's very satisfying to see the construction process underway, but we still have a lot of work in front of us."

The 55,000 square-foot, three-story building had an original completion date of December 2003. However, delays from the soil remediation project will likely push the construction process, which has a timeframe of 450 days, into early 2004.

"The current best estimate for when we'll be in the building is mid-February 2004," said Harry Levine, president of the library's board of trustees, "but we are still working on ways to accelerate the schedule."

According to Mr. Greenfeldt, following surveys and preparation work, Turner Construction will begin the on-site construction process early next week. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Under an agreement issued by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), PSE&G removed thousands of cubic yards of contaminated and potentially contaminated soil at the library's site — part of the Park & Shop lot — and replaced it with approved soil.

"The extent of the remediation was the biggest unknown in our construction process," stated Mr. Levine. "We certainly expect more bumps in the road, but none should be as significant an unknown as the remediation process. We believe that we have much better control over the project now that our remediation is finished."

Leslie Cifelli, spokeswoman for Public Service Enterprise Group,

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University Increases Payments to Borough

In this season of giving, Princeton University has agreed to give more. It will gradually raise its annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to Princeton Borough from this year's $110,282 until it reaches $400,000 in 2006. In the years between, the University will pay $200,000 (2003), $300,000 (2004), and $350,000 (2005).

"This is the single biggest change in the amount of contributions the University is going to make to the Borough," said Councilman Roger Martindell, chairman of the Borough's Town and Gown Committee, which negotiated the agreement.

The agreement marks a distinct advance in the amount the University has given over the years. In 1996, its PILOT was $70,000, rising approximately $10,000 a year to the current $102,282.

Princeton University is a nonprofit educational institution and is not required to pay property taxes on its educational facilities. Although the largest, the University is only one of many such institutions in Princeton Borough. Others include the Princeton Theological Seminary and Westminster Choir College. More than 50 percent of the property in the Borough falls into the tax-exempt category.

The Borough anticipates receiving a $66,000 PILOT from Princeton Seminary this year. To date, Westminster Choir College has not provided a PILOT.

The Borough tax coffers will also gain from an additional assessment on McCarter Theatre's soon-to-be-completed addition, the Roger Berlind Theatre. The University-owned McCarter Theatre currently pays $55,000 a year in lieu of taxes, said Mr. Martindell. Although the new addition cannot be assessed until it is completed, he believes it should generate at least another $35,000 a year in PILOT.

All PILOTS go into the municipal tax budget, Mr. Martindell said. No portion is used to finance the district schools or Mercer County. He added

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Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad Facing Shortfall in Annual Fund Drive

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is facing a significant shortfall in its annual fund drive that, if unmet; may affect its service to the Princeton community.

To date, the squad has managed *to raise $93,845 toward its goal of $200,000 for its 2002 fund drive.*

"We are fortunate in that we have enough funding so that a shortfall in this year's drive will not directly affect our day-to-day service," said Greg Paulson, chief of the First Aid & Rescue Squad, "but it would mean that we would be drawing on resources that are intended for larger capital projects, such as expand*ed facilities and improved equipment."*

Established in 1939, the volunteer organization depends on donations

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A PRINCETON TRADITION: Area residents crowd Palmer Square Friday for the annual tree lighting ceremony. The 65-foot Norwegian spruce was decorated with more than 32,000 red, white, and blue lights. The ceremony included a visit by Santa and performances by the Princeton High School Choir, Nassau Brass, and the Nassau Presbyterian Church Choir.

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Princeton Professor To Read at U-Store

Esther Schor, author of a new poetry book *The Hills of Hollond* will be at the Princeton University Store on Tuesday, December. Her talk and signing will begin at 7 p.m. Dr. Schor is associate professor in the Department of English at Princeton University.

The Hills of Hollond contains poetry on the wayward fortunes of travel, art and myth, and the givens of everyday life.

Prof. Schor's poetry has appeared in the Times Literary Supplement, London Magazine, New Poetry, and elsewhere. She teaches in the areas of British Romanticism, poetry, Bible as Literature, and Jewish Studies.

Ms. Schor is the author of *Beoring the Deod: The British Culture of Mourning from the Enlightenment to Victorio* and editor of *The Other Mory Shelly: Beyond Fronkenstein*. She is currently editing The Cambridge Companion to Mary Shelly and writing a biography of Emma Lazarus.

12 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported 12 births to area residents in the week ending November 29.

Sons were born to Mariano and Maria Morales Cruz, Princeton, November 21; Manuel Zumba and Elvia Nievecela, Hightstown, November 22 and November 26; Vladimir Damianov and Nikoleta Batchvarova, Plainsboro, November 25; Reed and Carrie Newhall, Princeton Junction, November 27; and Craig and Carla Delany, Princeton, November 28.

Daughters were born to Yong and Lilly Peng, Plainsboro, November 18; Enrico and Daniela Leslie Cottle, Plainsboro, November 22; Peter and Linda Hasse, Princeton, November 22; Richard and Mary DiBianco, Skillman, November 26; Mohan Boddapati and Indira Kammila, Plainsboro, November 26; and Bryan and Gena Maher, West Windsor, November 29.

Miriam Oppenheimer, Princeton High School class of 1985, and her husband, Corey Abbott, of Philadelphia, also became parents on November 19, when a son was born at Mercer Hospital.

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WAITING PATIENTLY: Two years ago, the Battle Monument in front of Borough Hall was promised badly needed clean-up and restoration by the State Department of Environmental Protection. But the approximately $300,000 needed to complete the job is not included in the current state budget. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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Battle Monument at Borough Hall Awaits Cleaning and Restoration

Imagine it's spring, and the recently planted cherry trees along both sides of the path leading to the Battle Monument in front of Borough Hall are in bloom. A walker, eager to enjoy one of the loveliest gateways existing in any town, goes down the gravel path toward the Monument — and then looks up to see a damaged and discolored tribute to General George Washington. The first President, his face badly smudged, is shown sternly refusing to accept defeat at the Battle of Princeton and inspiring his tired troops to final victory.

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This scene will certainly be played out this spring, because the money to clean and refurbish the statue promised by the state in 2000 did not appear in the state's 2002-2003 budget. A November 2000 letter to Borough Mayor Marvin Reed from the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry had said that restoration of the Battle Monument would begin shortly.

Estimated at $250,000 in 2000, the cost of restoration has now climbed closer to $400,000. Included in this amount is a $87,289 contract awarded to Ford Fareweli Mills & Gatsch that covered design of the project and investigation of restoration techniques.

Al Payne, administrator in the Office of Resource Development, Division of Parks and Forestry, said the department plans to request the money for reconstruction of the Battle Monument in the next state budget, which begins July 2003. He noted that budget constraints this year reduced the amount of money available for such projects.

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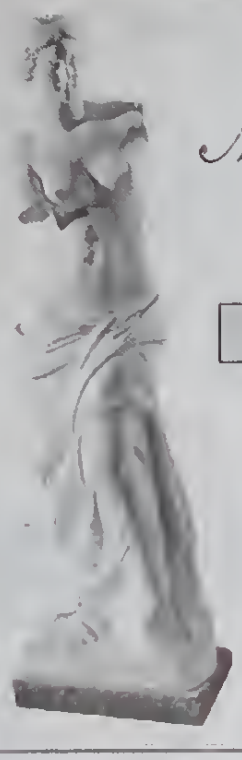

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cleaned with a compound that was not suitable for use on limestone.

Over the past years, and ending only with the closing of Monument Drive last year, buses used the drive as a place to make turns. This appears to have contributed greatly to the major discoloring of the monument.

"This is a very significant sculpture and one of the finest pieces of public sculpture in New Jersey," said Michael Mills, a partner in Ford Farewell Mills & Gatsch. His firm has done conservation testing of the monument and an analysis of its condition. "Some of things we're looking at are stone repairs where they're needed, repointing, and cleaning. The monument is so dirty," he said, "that when it rains the dark stains just bloom that much more."

His firm has completed construction documents on the restoration work and submitted them to the state for review. It has not yet received final review comments back, and has not been told to release documents to qualified contractors for bidding.

The cleaning that was done some years ago caused additional problems by actually etching the stone and making it more susceptible to absorbing pollutants, said Mr. Mills. He added that the condition of the monument is "fair," but that there will be be more significant deterioration over time if the pollutants are left in place on the stone. "It needs work soon," he said.

The Battle Monument is the focal point of the area surrounding Borough Hall, which was recently treated to a $1.1 million face-lift. In announcing a $300,000 contribution in June 2000, Princeton University President Harold Shapiro said, "The area around Monument Drive is an important gateway to Princeton. This project will substantially improve the way the site looks and the way it works, for visitors to Princeton and residents."

In addition to creating a new walkway from Bayard Lane to the Monument, the project closed Monument Drive to traffic, created a new police driveway, landscaped the entire area, added teak benches, and renovated the rear parking yard.

The Battle Monument, made of carved Indiana limestone over a brick core, was unveiled June 9, 1922, by President Warren Harding. Its sculptor was Frederick MacMonnies, the primary sculptor of the Brooklyn Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, New York City's major Civil War Memorial.

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"An American Girl doll. Because I want a friend for my other one." —*Summer Ramsay-Burrough, Princeton*

"I think it would be great if everyone could be happy and be with someone they love over the holidays; because that makes all the difference."
—*Thea Berkhout, William Street*

"I think we need world peace. I hate to sound like a beauty pageant contestant, but really that's what we need. World peace is so important for each individual person. And I just think it's time. There is so much war and strife and the threat of war... it's beginning to really take its toll, especially on children. They are starting to feel the impact of the kind of world that we are living in now." — *Cheryl Howard, York Drive*

Neighbors of Princeton Shopping Center Organize Against Proposed Development

In the weeks since Princeton Shopping Center announced plans to add residential and office space, neighbors of the North Harrison Street center have been organizing to make their opinions known to Township planners and committee members. More than 100 inhabitants of the residential neighborhood surrounding the center have signed a letter calling on the Princeton Regional Planning Board and Township Committee to reject the shopping center's proposal.

The preliminary master plan for the shopping center, presented by architect Jerry Ford at an October Planning Board meeting, calls for the addition of a seven-story office tower, a seven-story residential tower, and two three-story parking garages. The plan also proposes building a senior center and 150 units of senior housing facing Terhune Road on the wooded lot north of the shopping center.

Mr. Ford's plan, developed for the center's property management agent George Comfort & Sons, shows an office tower on the site of Princeton Public Library's temporary location. A residential tower, comprising 48 apartments, would be located at the south end of the shopping center, on the site of stores adjacent to Eckerd Drug. Under the plan, the ground floor of the center would be designated for commercial uses.

At the request of the shopping center, the Planning Board appointed an ad-hoc subcommittee to evaluate possible zoning changes and to discuss details of the plan with Mr. Ford and property agent Dana Comfort.

Several neighborhood residents attended the subcommittee's November 6 meeting to oppose development at the existing shopping center, while supporting the construction of some senior housing along Terhune Road.

The same position was echoed in a letter, signed by more than 100 neighborhood residents and presented to Township Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Saying the proposal represents "dumb growth, not smart growth," the letter called on the Township not to negotiate its current zoning regulations for the site. According to the letter, the proposed development would "change [the center's] essential character through increased height, density, traffic, light, drainage, and noise."

While recommending that Township planners not allow any increase in bulk, height, or setback at the shopping center, the letter advocates the construction of "appropriately scaled and designed" senior housing. The letter calls Terhune Road lot an ideal site for senior housing, but argues that building 150 units of senior housing on the four-acre site would create a structure too large for the neighborhood and add too much traffic to residential streets.

Mitchel Ostrer, the Grover Avenue resident who wrote the letter and read it into Committee record, said finding supporters in the neighborhood was easy.

"Very, very few people, if any, were unwilling to sign the letter," he said. "There is a strong sentiment in the community that this is an ill-advised proposal." He said more than a dozen people have added their signatures to the letter since it was formally presented to the Committee.

Sally Skey, who went door to door on Clearview Avenue, said all the property owners she spoke with signed the letter. The shopping center's proposal "was so over the top, it was easy to disagree with," she said. "I think people would like the shopping center improved, within the limits of the current zoning."

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand has said Princeton Shopping Center's development plan would combat sprawl and create a town center catering to Princeton residents.

"It serves us as a community the way it is now," says Ewing Street resident Robin Nissenfeld. "Excess development will serve people from outside the community."

The level of support for the proposal from within the community is unclear. Residents have not come forward to publicly voice support for the plan, but at least a few are not ready to condemn it in the early stages.

Randall Road resident Evelyn Saldick chose not sign Mr. Ostrer's letter, saying she would reserve judgement for the time being. But she is strongly in favor of building senior housing on Terhune Road to allow long-term residents like herself to continue living in the area as they age.

Walter Emmerich of Dodds Lane agrees that senior housing, affordable for Princeton seniors, should be located on Terhune Road. To ensure that senior housing gets built, he says he is willing to support the current proposal. "I'm not necessarily in favor of all the details of the present plan, but I wouldn't object to it," he said.

The neighbors who oppose the plan say they will continue to organize grass-roots efforts to encourage planners and committee members to reject it. "The community needs to be educated about the fundamental flaws in this concept," said Mr. Ostrer.

No date has been set for the second meeting of the Planning Board Subcommittee and Princeton Shopping Center management.

—Rebecca Blackwell

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Advanced Searching Is Topic at Library

Those looking to keep up with the latest features of the top Internet search engines will find advice at Princeton Public Library on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., when the library presents a program titled "X-Treme Web Searching: Tips From the Trenches."

The program, part of the library's Tuesday Technology Talks series, will offer participants tips on expanding their repertoires of advanced searching techniques from three librarians on the "front lines" of the Internet.

Janie Hermann of Princeton Public Library, Robert Lackie of the Rider University Library and Joanne Mullowney of the East Brunswick Public Library will share the latest trends in advanced searching, explain the technology that drives the search engines and present an update on the so-called Invisible Web, that part of the Internet that remains unreachable through standard search procedures.

The event will conclude with a demonstration of the ZoomerOne search tool developed by Dr. Wei-hsing Wang of NicheUSA, L.L.C.

Community Park School To Give Winter Clothes

The Community Park Elementary School cafeteria, located at 372 Witherspoon Street, will host a winter clothes drive on Saturday, December 7.

Free coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and much more for children and adults will be available.

The event has been organized by the Community Park School PTO and the Latin American Task Force with the support of Princeton High School, John Witherspoon Middle School, Johnson Park Elementary School, Riverside Elementary School, Littlebrook Elementary School, the Princeton Charter School, and the YWCA.

For more information, call 688-2055.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT: Jonathan Sweemer, of Princeton, presents his mother, Patricia Sweemer, with the Eagle Scout mother's pin, while his father, Jonathan Sweemer, Sr. looks on. The Court of Honor ceremony was held November 29 at Princeton Alliance Church for Mr. Sweemer and two other Scouts of Mercer District Troop 193 who achieved the highest rank in Scouting.

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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW: Six-year-old Davis Warren of Hopewell perches in a tree to get a view over the crowds of people that filled Palmer Square during Friday evening's tree lighting ceremony. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

"Holiday Central" Is a New Site For Cheer, and More

Celebrate the holiday season this year on Palmer Square at "Holiday Central" as Palmer Square Management joins with McCarter Theater Center and Kids for Kids to bring joy to shoppers and help area children.

Holiday Central, located at 43 Hulfish Street on Palmer Square, will offer hot cider and cookies, a lounge area for weary shoppers and crafts, story-telling and other activities for families. Gift wrapping will be available, with proceeds benefiting McCarter Theater's Education department. Selections from McCarter Theater's Company Store will be available.

Holiday Central will also be a drop off site for new, unwrapped toys, winter outerwear and toiletries. The items will be collected and distributed by Kids-for-Kids of New Jersey, Inc., a non-profit community service organization run entirely by teens helping the area's neediest children. "This was a wonderful contribution," said Hannah Schussel who is coordinating the project.

Beginning Friday, November 29, Holiday Central will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. On Sundays, at 1 and 4 p.m., storyteller Rebecca Kelly will weave her magic tales. Ms. Kelly is a teaching artist with Guggenheim Museum: Learning Through the Arts program, Young Audiences of New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Free holiday parking with a Palmer Square store validation will be available from November 29 through December 31. Monday through Saturday enter the garage after 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Relationship Institute Offers Anger Assessment

The Anger And Relationship Institute of Princeton (AARI) will conduct free anger and depression assessments December 11 and 18, at the Institute's office on Commons Way.

"Unfortunately, the holidays can increase stress, anger, and depression for many of us," said Institute director Maddie Blomgren. "Few people understand what anger really is or its relationship to depression. They shouldn't let anger ruin another holiday season."

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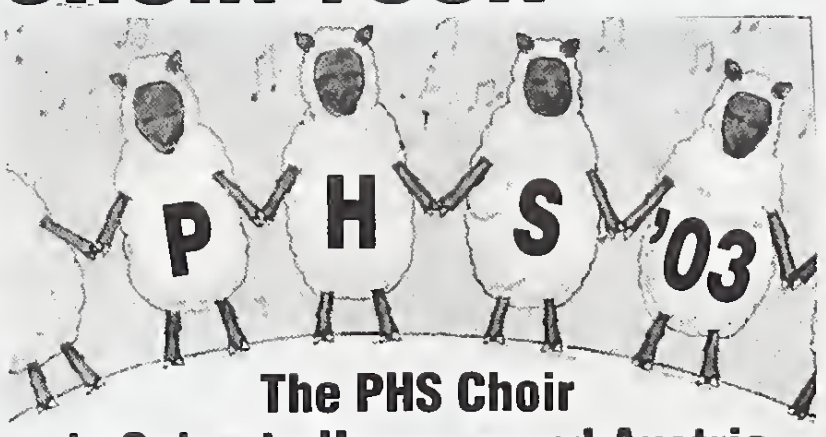

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Township Endorses Third Year of Cull, May Introduce Non-Lethal Alternatives

On Monday night, Township Committee unanimously approved a resolution to enact a third year of culling as well as introduce sterilization and contraception to the Township's deer management program, should the 2003 budget allow for the non-lethal alternatives.

"We may not be able to do all these things before us now," stated Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. "We are going to have to take action within reason to get our balance back."

Since its inception in March 2001, the program has implemented lethal strategies in an effort to curb the over-population of the local deer herd. White Buffalo Inc., a Connecticut-based wildlife management firm hired by the Township, has culled a total of 625 deer over the last two years.

"I view this as an enabling document," said Township Committee member Casey Hegener. "When and if the time to do something is here, when the moment's right, we can jump."

The resolution calls for the introduction of both a $50,000 immunocontraception and a $10,000 sterilization pilot program as well as the development of an environmental system to monitor the effect of deer on forest regeneration.

In addition, Township Committee approved the maintenance of the Township's pilot reflector program and the inclusion of an observer from the Humane Society of the United States should the program utilize its net-and-bolt method.

At the request of Township Committee member Bernie Miller, the sterilization alternative was added to the resolution and to the Township's application to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Following the endorsement of Township Committee, the recommendations now require the approval of that state agency in order to be enacted.

Committeeman Leonard Godfrey expressed reservation about the immunocontraception option. "If it fails, then we know what will happen," he said. "Opponents will say that we didn't do it properly." Mr. Godfrey added that should the program prove successful, the vaccine used will not be deemed safe without approval by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Dona Schneider, a Township resident and a member of the evaluation committee, responded by stating that she believes that the vaccine to be used will receive FDA endorsement. "This precursor is on the cutting edge," she said. "Before this year, we really had no options."

According to Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer, the Township's deer management program is being instituted under a state law approved in 2000 that permits municipalities and airports adversely affected by local deer populations to apply for wildlife management programs.

Initially designed to run for five years, the program has included the use of silenced sharpshooters and — starting last year — a net-and-bolt method whereby deer are captured in a net and then euthanized with a retractable bolt. Princeton Township is the only municipality in the state to employ the method.

The adopted resolution follows the report of the Deer Program Evaluation Committee, presented to Township Committee on November 8.

"The committee has developed a pretty comprehensive, very workable plan for the town," said Thomas Poole, a member of the evaluation committee, "not just for this year, but for the years ahead."

While conceding that contraception is "not yet a proven means of herd control" and that it is an expensive alternative, the evaluation committee's report recommended that the Township fund a contraceptive program for 50 animals at a cost of $1,000 per animal.

The contraceptive, which is expected to have a minimum two-year efficacy, would be applied through a one-shot formula. In addition, each deer would be ear-tagged and outfitted with a radio collar that would allow for monitoring through the use of Global Positioning System equipment.

In conjunction with its contraception proposal, the report recommended the sterilization of 10 deer as an additional non-lethal component of the management program. The procedure, which would constitute tubal ligation surgery for the female deer, would be performed by veterinarians or highly trained professionals, and the projected cost of the pilot program is $10,000.

Additionally, the committee proposed the construction of a $4,000 environmental monitoring system that would determine the effect of deer on forest regeneration and the maintenance of the Township's $22,000 pilot reflector program despite the fact that Mr. Poole announced in July that the program had proven unsuccessful.

Once the costs of these alternatives are absorbed, Mr. Poole expects that the maintenance costs would be significantly less than the rate of the current deer management program, which he estimated to be $100,000 per year.

Despite such non-lethal alternatives, the report also recommended the continuation of the lethal component within the program, which, it stated, is necessary for the reduction of the local herd. The report projected the current herd size to be between 800 and 1,200 deer.

According to Mr. Poole, the goal of the deer management program is to have no more than 20 deer per square mile in the Township. With the Township measuring approximately 16 square miles, the target figure stands at 320 deer.

"It is likely," the evaluation committee stated within its report, "that professional culling will continue to be necessary on a periodic basis well into the future. Less culling will be necessary if the non-lethal program demonstrates success over time and can be widely implemented."

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YMCA TODDLERS LEARN ABOUT HELPING: Two-year-olds in the Princeton Family YMCA's child care center recently completed a week of study about what firemen, policemen, EMT workers and other helpers do. Shown, from left, are Leah Rios, Platon Mazarakis, Noah Frank, Thomas Reid, Carla Schwarz, Dylan Regan and Matthew Stevens, as they gather around a fire truck cake baked with the help of their teachers.

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ENGINEER HONORED: Princeton Borough Engineer Carl Peters, center, receives an award for the Hodge Road reconstruction project at the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers awards luncheon in Atlantic City. He is shown with Robert Kiser, Princeton Township engineer, the NJSME awards chair; left; and Borough Mayor Marvin Reed.

Borough Engineer Honored For Hodge Road Project

Carl E. Peters has won the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers' Project of the Year Award — Honor Place for the Reconstruction of Hodge Road. The Society presented Mr. Peters with the award at its annual meeting on November 20 in Atlantic City.

The award was for the category of Municipal Construction Projects designed by full-time municipal engineers.

The one-mile long project was for the complete reconstruction of Hodge Road. It included replacement of curbs, sidewalks, storm sewers, and pavement.

It also included the installation of raised intersections, Belgian block traffic islands and speed humps to reduced traffic speeds. The final construction cost of $887,892 was six percent below the estimated cost of $948,204.

Since the Borough had not previously installed traffic calming devices, the Engineering Department installed a variety of temporary systems to determine their effectiveness. Traffic speeds and volumes were measured before and after the test sections were installed. The results were presented to the neighborhood in series of public meetings. Gradually, a design scheme was developed after a review of several alternatives.

The project design was also sensitive to the historic character of the neighborhood by replacing stone curbs and adjusting sidewalk grades and alignment to avoid damage to mature street trees.

Mr. Peters has been Princeton Borough's engineer for 18 years. He has previously received honors from the Society for the reconstruction of John Street, renovation of the John Street Playground, and Princeton Borough's infrastructure repair program.

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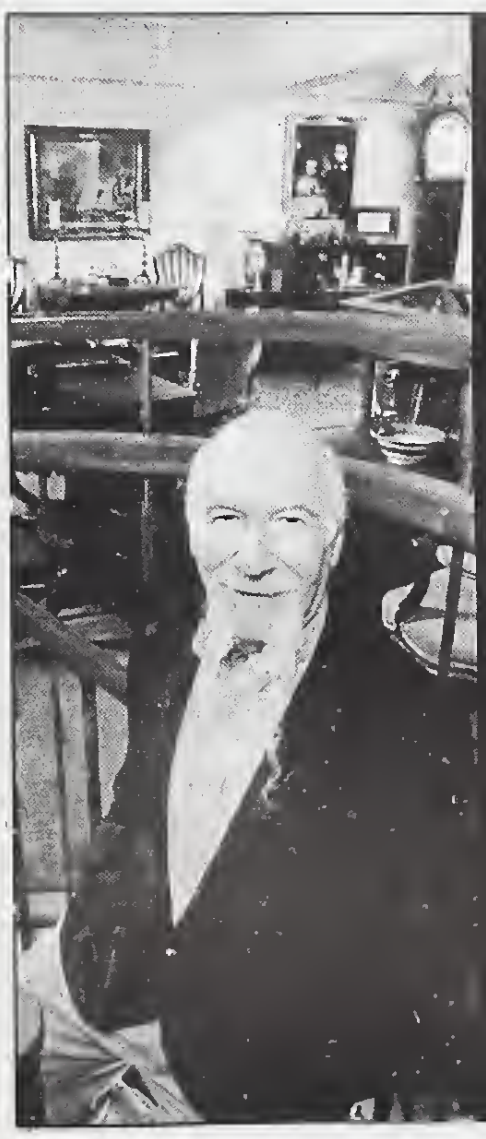

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REPUBLICANS GATHER: A Republican Association of Princeton committee is planning a holiday cocktail party at the home of Carol Wojciechowicz, 7 Herrontown Road, on Sunday, December 8, at 5 p.m. The committee members are, back row, from left, Anastasia Marty, Tom Macmanus, Melody Richards, front row: Carol Wojciechowicz, Jo Peiser. A $25 per person contribution is payable at the door. For reservations call 921-1655.

Danielle Allen to Give Lecture in Ethics

Danielle Allen will deliver a lecture on "Talking to Strangers: on Rhetoric, Distrust, and Citizenship" at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the James A. Moffett '29 Lectures in Ethics and the Department of Classics.

Danielle Allen is associate professor in the Department of Classical Languages and Literatures, Department of Politics, and the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago, where she has been since 1997.

Her intellectual scope spans the fields of the classics, philosophy, and political theory. She has demonstrated how the legal foundations of punishment in ancient Athens were deeply rooted in classical attitudes towards anger and revenge, an observation that has relevance today.

Originally trained in the classics, Prof. Allen recently earned a second doctorate in political science, providing a basis for her boundary-crossing investigations into the essential philosophical, literary, and cultural threads of the social fabric.

In a forthcoming work, she provides a new understanding of the roles played by disadvantaged groups in political life through analysis of ancient Greek writings (Aristotle), 17th-century European philosophy (Thomas Hobbes), and 20th-century African-American fiction (Ralph Ellison).

Prof. Allen received an A.B. degree from Princeton University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University, and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge. She is the author of *The World of Prometheus: The Politics of Punishing in Democratic Athens* and the forthcoming *Talking to Strangers: on rhetoric, distrust, ond other democratic difficulties.*

She is a 2001 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

A reception in Robertson Hall follows the December 12 lecture. The public is invited to attend. For information, visit www.princeton.edu/values or call (609) 258-4798.

TAKING TO THE STREETS: Shoppers crowd the sidewalk along Nassau Street on so-called Black Friday, traditionally the start of the Christmas shopping season. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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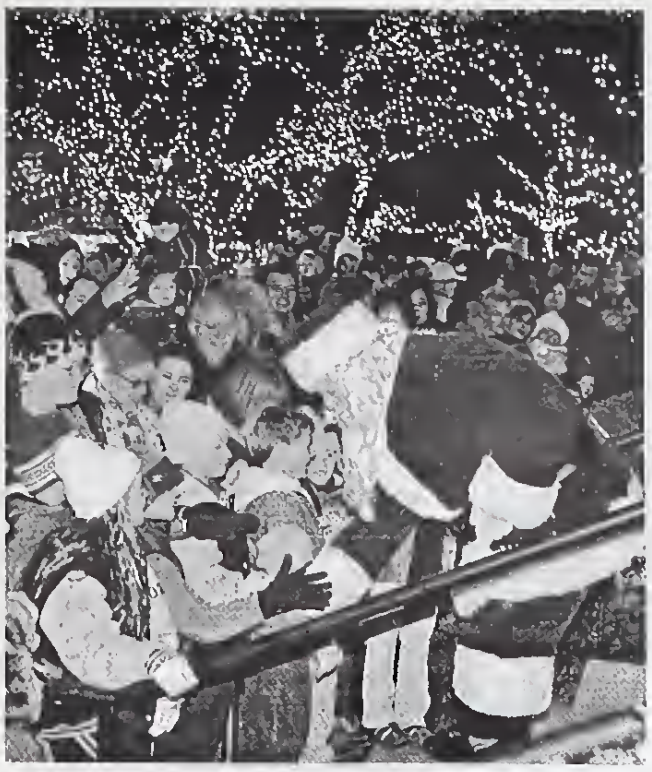

CHRISTMAS CHEER: Santa greets children on Palmer Square during the annual tree lighting ceremony Friday. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

ANGELS ON HIGH: Four-year-olds Teddy Friedman, left, and Marie Milet, both of Princeton, escape from the crowd by sitting on their fathers' shoulders at the tree lighting ceremony on Friday. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Medical Foundation Gives Grants to Projects

The Medical Center at Princeton Foundation has awarded $792,000 to support 16 projects to be carried out by The Medical Center at Princeton. This will provide funding for programs including community health education and screening initiatives; services for the un- and under-insured; activities for patients with cancer; and nursing recruitment and retention efforts.

Many of the projects involve partnerships with schools, churches, and community organizations.

This award is among the largest gifts made by a foundation in Central New Jersey in the last several years. The Foundation's grant program is designed to support projects of The Medical Center at Princeton.

Grant proposals were submitted by staff end physicians of the Medical Center. Sixteen of the 32 proposals were approved by the Foundation.

William Schreyer, chairman of the Foundation Board and, chairman emeritus of Merrill Lynch said, "The Foundation board was impressed with the sense of vision and dedication that was evident in all the proposals received, so it was difficult to choose which projects to support. Our decisions were based on the needs met by each project and the powerful and positive impact each one could have on our patients, the communities we serve and the employees and physicians of the Medical Center."

Each project that received a grant supports the nonprofit mission of The Medical Center at Princeton and its Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1978 to support the advancement of The Medical Center by developing philanthropic support, increasing public awareness and supporting the Medical Center's mission of providing outstanding healthcare services.

Since that time, the Foundation has underwritten purchases of medical equipment and capital projects such as the cardiac catherization lab and the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department. This is the first time the Foundation has awarded grants.

Watershed Program Covers Wildlife Feeding

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, on Titus Mill Road in Hopewell, is offering "Trim A Tree For Wildlife" for families on December 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Led by naturalist Pam Newitt, the program will explain how to create edible outdoor decorations that wild animals will enjoy. The edible decorations are hung on evergreen trees, which offer shelters and feeding stations for animals.

Participating families should bring a sandwich-sized plastic container or empty suet tray and a large grocery bag to take home their edible decorations.

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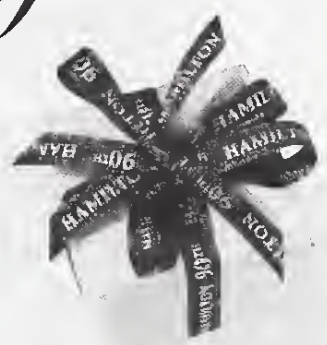

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Sourland Mountains Preserved Through Conservation Effort

A conservation partnership including the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF), Delaware & Raritan Greenway, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program joined together to preserve an historic 91-acre tract in East Amwell, Hunterdon County.

This heavily forested property lies on the ridge of the Sourland Mountains and contains headwaters that feed into the Stony Brook.

Bradley M. Campbell, commissioner of the NJDEP, commended NJCF and D&R Greenway on their roles in preserving the land. "Through our Green Acres program, Governor McGreevey and I are committed to protecting water resources, environmentally sensitive lands, and historic landscapes throughout the state," he said. "Working with our nonprofit partners to acquire land enables us to stretch our resources and to have a broader impact on our goals state-wide."

The preserved land is adjacent to D&R Greenway's 1,000-acre Northern Stony Brook Preserve, and it is near to other lands soon to be protected by the NJDEP Green Acres Program and D&R Greenway. The addition of these woodlands to a larger nature preserve will protect important interior forest bird habitat.

D&R Greenway, which led the effort to save the property by working closely with the owners, and NJCF, which provided a bridge loan to complete the acquisition, celebrated with Bill and Claire Schiller when the conservation sale was complete. The Schillers shared their thoughts: "We've been involved in the history of this community for many years, and want to make sure the woods stay as we remember them."

Though the eastern portion of the property has been logged under a forest management plan, the sloping western portion by the stream is almost untouched and has 200-year old trees amongst the "boulder fields" typical of the Sourland Mountains. These boulders were formed by lava during the Triassic period, and serve as a significant geologic "snapshot" of the area.

Today, the large, flat Jacob's Rock area on the property could serve as an optimal picnic area for hikers following the Crossroads of the American Revolution trail, a National Heritage Area initiative spearheaded by Congressman Rush Holt and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.

The proposed National Heritage Area will focus on New Jersey's unique role in the American Revolution. Remarkably, many of the strategic lands that influenced history are still intact today, including the 91 acres in the Sourland Mountains that will remain as they were 225 years ago.

The Crossroads vision is to protect historic landscapes that connect Washington Crossing State Park, Princeton and Monmouth Battlefields, Morristown National Historical Park, and the historic Barracks in Trenton. This Sourland Mountain property is a key link in the corridor connecting Washington Crossing to Morristown.

NJCF and D&R Greenway are working with the state to preserve additional lands throughout the region. "We continue to actively pursue open space preservation in New Jersey's Western Piedmont region and look forward to working with landowners who want to preserve their land," said Susan Currie, NJCF's director of land acquisition and stewardship.

Linda Mead, executive director of D&R Greenway added, "It is rewarding to see what we can all accomplish when we work together."

The NJDEP's Green Acres Program has protected more than 500,000 acres of open space, bringing the total of protected open space and farmland in the state to more than 1.18 million acres. Green Acres buys land and provides funding to local and nonprofit partners to protect water resources and environmentally sensitive open space and to create parks in high-use areas for residents and visitors to enjoy.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, a land conservation organization, has protected tens of thousands of acres of New Jersey's forests, farmland, parks, and open space since 1960. NJCF has also been in the forefront of land preservation policy, including historic laws protecting the Pine Barrens, farmland, water quality and every Green Acres open space initiative. For information, visit their website at www.njconservation. org.

D&R Greenway is central New Jersey's regional land trust. Since 1989, D&R Greenway has preserved 5,000 acres in Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset, and Middlesex counties. The model partnerships achieved by the D&R Greenway were recognized earlier this summer with the award of a national land conservation award to Ms. Mead. For more information, call 924-4646.

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Winter Squash Cooked in Tomato Sauce

From Ed Lidzbarski (a.k.a. Farmer Ed),
Organic Farmer and owner of
E.R. and Son Farm in Jamesburg.

The quantity, quality, and variety of organic winter squashes available at this time of year is astounding. Kabocha, butternut, acorn, delicata, kuri, buttercup, and pumpkin are some of the varieties that are now available. What better way to utilize this nutritious vegetable than a simple-to-prepare dish? A welcome reprieve after the effort of preparing a Thanksgiving feast.

Serves 4 to 6

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- ½ tsp. dried thyme
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1½ lbs. winter squash, peeled, seeded, and chopped into 1½" cubes (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup water
- 8 Kalamata olives, pitted and sliced

Sauté the garlic in oil over medium heat, about 2 minutes. Add red pepper and thyme and sauté for 15 seconds until fragrant. Add tomato sauce and bring to a boil. Add squash, water, and olives. Cook uncovered for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until squash is tender.

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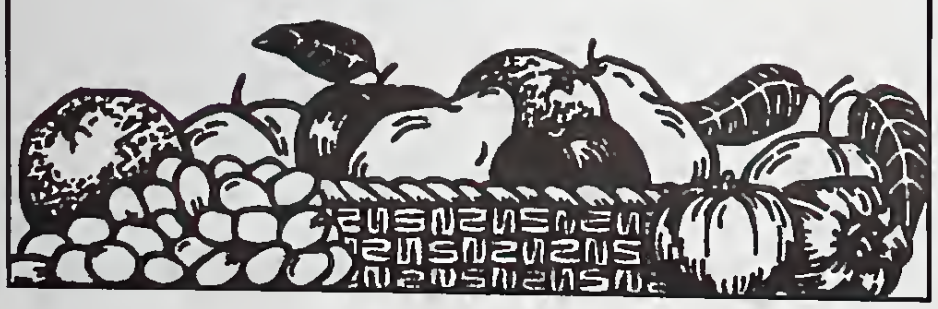

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BLAZING A TRAIL: The Friends of Princeton Open Space recently marked their contributions toward land preservation and the opening of the new John Witherspoon Woods Trail with a celebration at Mountain Lakes House. Those present included, from left, Elizabeth Hutter, former president of the Friends; Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand; Wendy Mager, current president of the Friends; and Carol Chistofferson, development director of D&R Greenway.

Weddings and Engagements

Town Topics welcomes wedding and engagement notices and photographs. They should be sent to the office at 4 Mercer Street, Princeton, N.J.

Eden Elects Members To Its Board of Trustees

Eden Family of Services, the not-for-profit organization serving children and adults with autism, has elected two new members to serve on its board of trustees.

Herb Lurie of Chatham, retired chairman of the Global Financial Institutions Group at Merrill Lynch Investment Banking, was elected to the board. He also serves on the Eden Institute Foundation Operating Committee, which oversees Eden's fund-raising and community relations.

Mr. Lurie, who became acquainted with the Eden Family of Services through the Autism Research Institute, has contributed significantly to Eden through financial and community support. He is currently enrolled in the masters program in psychology at Columbia University.

Ken Van Leeuween of Gladstone, the parent of a participant in Eden's early childhood program, has also been elected to the board. Mr. Van Leeuwan, who also serves on the Eden Institute Foundation Operating Committee as well as Eden's Planned Giving Committee, has been instrumental in developing Eden's planned giving program designed to help secure the future of the children and adults with autism who Eden serves.

Mr. Van Leeuween is founder of Van Leeuween & Co. of Princeton, a company that provides financial advice. He is a certified financial planner and is recognized as an expert on financial planning for wealthy individuals and executives.

Since 1975, the Eden Family of Services has provided lifespan services for children and adults with autism as well as support and assistance for their families. The not-for-profit organization counts among its programs year-round educational services, early intervention, parent training, respite care, outreach services, community-based residential services, and employment opportunities.

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First Aid & Rescue

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from the public to provide emergency ambulance and rescue services to Princeton.

Affiliated with neither the hospital nor the municipalities, the squad, comprising more than 50 EMT-trained members, is the primary provider of emergency medical and technical rescue services to both the Borough and the Township as well as to Princeton University.

"We have sought to provide the highest level of emergency care to Princeton," added Chief Paulson, who is a graduate of the University, "and we intend to continue that. It's important for us to stay on top of our financial resources. We are not willing to let them get to the point where it affects our day-to-day operations."

According to statistics provided by the squad, it answered more than 2,300 emergency calls in 2000, and each response cost the squad approximately $140.

Funding Sources

"If we don't meet our goal," stated Chief Paulson, "we'll have to defer our purchase of equipment, delay additional training of our members, and re-examine our sources of funding."

The squad's 2001 fund drive raised $170,000, an amount that was $30,000 short of its goal. A variety of factors — including the redirection of contributions toward September 11 relief efforts and a weak economy — resulted in the low contribution figures.

"Last year, we had fewer donors to our fund drive as people understandably directed their donations toward victims of the terrorist attacks," said Adam Tavolaro, president of the squad. "People usually have a set amount of money they donate to charitable organizations and since September 11, many are sending their contributions to groups associated with victim and family relief."

National Economy

In addition, the weakened status of the national economy reduced the amount of money people were able to contribute and decreased the funds the squad typically obtains from grants.

As a result of last year's shortfall and continued needs, the squad has been forced to alter its operations.

"We held off on some purchases this year, tightened some budget lines, and reduced the amount of money put into capital improvements," said Mr. Tavolaro. "If the number of donors does not increase, we will have to make sacrifices that will have significant long-term effects."

With its funding in question, the squad may have to delay the purchase of a new heavy rescue truck, while expanded services and equipment requirements have put a strain on its current vehicle.

"It's overfilled," said Chief Paulson. "The new truck is designed to alleviate all of these problems. It will carry more equipment, be safer for our members, and improve our efficiency on scene."

Expansion Need

The squad is also in need of an expanded facility. Its current headquarters, located on North Harrison Street adjacent to the Princeton Shopping Center, was built in 1963.

Since that time, the squad has grown considerably and now maintains three fully equipped ambulances, a heavy rescue truck, a first-responder vehicle, a water rescue boat, a four-wheel drive command unit, and a newly introduced special services unit designed for large-scale, multi-patient incidents.

However, the building has not kept up with the growth of the squad. According to Chief Paulson, the building is not completely handicapped accessible, and many of the squad's vehicles are stored outdoors, which adversely affects their dependability.

"The service life is reduced," stated Mr. Tavolaro, "and their reliability, especially in the winter months, is compromised."

"The squad is at maximum capacity," added Chief Paulson. "If we don't get more space soon, we will not be able to keep expanding our service to meet future needs."

"We are asking our neighbors to consider how vital our services are to the community and make us a priority in their donations," said Mr. Tavolaro. "We strive to provide the very best emergency medical care, but we can't do it without their generosity."

Donations to the squad, which are tax-deductible, may be sent to Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton, NJ, 08542. For more information, call (609) 924-3338.

—David McNutt

Roman Chariot Racing Is A.I.A. Lecture Topic

The Archaeological Institute of America will host a lecture, "Roman Chariot Racing: Then and Now," on Wednesday, December 4, at 8 p.m. in the West Building Auditorium at the Institute for Advanced Study.

Prof. T. Corey Brennan of Rutgers University will be the speaker.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception in Fuld Hall Common Room will follow the lecture.

For further information call (609) 683-0800.

NEW ADDITIONS: Jane Fremon, head of Princeton Friends School, left, and Michael Robertson, chair of the school's board of trustees, right, recently welcomed four new board members including Sheila Maddox, Joseph Taylor, and Delia Pitts.

TEAM WORK: The staff at Bon Appetit is ready to tempt your taste buds with holiday goodies galore! Shown in the store's new cafe, they can help with gourmet gift baskets, chocolates, coffees, cheese (more than 200 varieties, including quality New Jersey cheeses), and chutneys. Olive oil is a big seller, with new pottery pots available. Balsamic vinegars are in gift sets from Manicardi, and gorgeously-packaged cookies and candy and the display case filled with cakes, pies, and tarts are a visual delight. Plum puddings, Panettones, and prepared foods are all available, and don't forget the fresh caviar and fresh fois gras. It's also an exceptional season for Italian white truffles!

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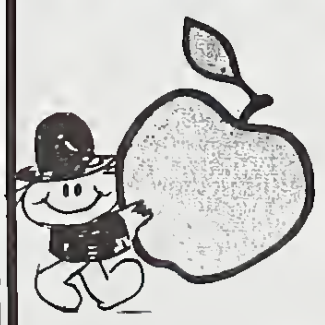

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FINDING COMMON GROUND: Elaine Mazlish, co-author of "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk," spoke at the first CommonGround lecture of the year, held recently at Princeton Academy.

Princeton Academy Hosts CommonGround Lecture

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart hosted the first CommonGround lecture of the academic year on November 12.

Elaine Mazlish and Adele Faber, co-authors of the popular parent-child communication book entitled "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk," spoke about effective ways to communicate with children of all ages.

They described skills to invite cooperation with parents and children that leaves them feeling good about themselves and each other and ways to help children become separate, responsible individuals. Both women are former faculty members of the New School for Social Research in New York and the Family Life Institute of C.W. Post College of Long Island University, and they both studied under child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott.

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, an independent Catholic school for boys with classes in junior kindergarten through eighth grade, is committed to academic excellence within the context of a faith-based community.

The next CommonGround lecture will be held in February. For details, visit www.princetoncommonground.org.

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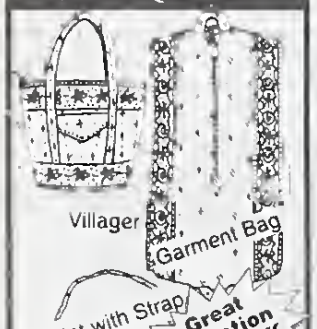

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that each $100,000 contribution to the Borough is equivalent to one tax point. "Each home owner is walking away with a small savings," he said. "Over a period of years, these small savings will add up to a significant amount of dollars if we aggressively pursue the University for its fair-share contribution to the operation of the community."

The University also pays the Borough a developer's fee to meet its obligation toward affordable housing. And it has offered support on an ad hoc basis to community projects. These include contributions of $500,000 toward the new library, $500,000 toward improvements and additions to the school district, and $300,000 toward the reconstruction of Monument Drive.

Right Direction

Mr. Martindell called the agreement with the University on increasing its PILOT "a step in the right direction." He said it sets the threshold higher than it has been in the recent past and is a basis on which to negotiate an even larger contribution at the end of 2006.

He added that there is a growing recognition in the University community that the Borough taxpayer is so burdened by taxes that the University must step forward as the leading tax-exempt organization in the community and contribute its fair share to the cost of operating the community.

Pamela Hersh, the University's director of community and state affairs, said the increased contribution reflects the University's ongoing commitment to the health and vitality of the community. She added that it is only one of many ways in which the University contributes to the town on an ongoing basis.

"Everyone's resources are very constrained," she said. "I think at this time the increase is very appropriate."

—Myrna K. Bearse

"Peace Train" to Travel From Princeton to Newark

A "Peace Train" will begin in Trenton and stop in Princeton on its way to Newark on Saturday, December 7. Opposition to Bush administration plans to invade Iraq has been growing in central New Jersey as hundreds have participated in rallies, vigils, lobbying, and a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26 in which 200 area residents joined with 200,000 to protest the proposed war with Iraq.

The Peace Train will carry peace activists from throughout the Trenton and Princeton areas to Newark. Kick-off rallies are scheduled at the Trenton Train Station and at the Dinky Station on University Place in Princeton beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following the kick-off rallies, the anti-war activists will board trains at 11:13 a.m. in Trenton and at 11:11 a.m. in Princeton.

After arriving at Penn Station in Newark at 12:14, participants will join a march and rally at Peter Francesca Park, near Penn Station in Newark, to demand that there be "no war" against Iraq. The march is being coordinated by the N.J. Coalition Against War on Iraq, a statewide coalition co-coordinated by the Montclair-based N.J. Peace Action and the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action, with 31 organizations from every part of the state participating. The coalition includes students, ecumenical groups, civil right organizations and anti-war committees.

The park rally will be followed at 1 p.m. by a march through Newark. Stops will include Senator Jon Corzine's office to thank him for voting against the use of force against Iraq resolution of October 10; Newark City Hall to call attention to the money drained away from communities by spending it on war; and the Federal Building to thank those Representatives who voted against the use of force resolution, (Reps. Menendez, Pallone, Payne and Holt) and to implore all Representatives to stand firm against war. There will be a culminating rally at Essex Community College at 3 p.m.

For further information, or to indicate an intention to come to the Peace Train, contact the Coalition for Peace Action at (609) 924-5022 or cfpa@peacecoalition.org.

Realty Firm Announces A Holiday Toy Drive

Weichert, Realtors' Princeton office has announced that it will be collecting toys throughout December for financially and/or physically disadvantaged children within the local community. The announcement was made by Joshua Wilton, the firm's Princeton branch manager.

Those wishing to make a donation may drop off a new unwrapped toy between 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday at Weichert's office at 350 Nassau Street.

"Every year we participate in the toy drive and it is always a huge success thanks to the support of our community," said Mr. Wilton. "This year we are inviting the community in every Thursday until December 16 for lunch. All we ask for is a donation towards the toy drive."

The firm is also collecting items for the U.S.S. Cowpens, a U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer. "A sales associate in our office has a son on this ship, so it is a cause close to our hearts," said Mr. Wilton.

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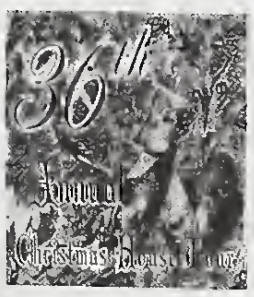

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The writers will also sign personally selected holiday themed mysteries as well as their latest paperbacks.

Ms. Wolzien now has 19 books in print, 14 of which feature a Connecticut housewife, Susan Henshaw, as an amateur sleuth. The latest in the Henshaw series is *An Anniversary to Die For*.

Ms. Harris has 14 mysteries in print. Her holiday-themed Christine Bennet series features an ex-nun who is an amateur sleuth. Ms. Harris will also preview excerpts from her new series, *Murder in Hell's Kitchen*, to be released next year.

Ms. Wolzien's first novel was made into a *Movie of the Week* for CBS television. The Chicago Tribune has cited her mysteries for their "comfortable and entertaining writing style involving considerable wit."

Ms. Wolzien grew up in Central New Jersey. She graduated from Rutgers Preparatory School before attending college in Denver, Colorado and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Ms. Harris received a bachelor's degree in German Linguistics from Cornell University and a master of arts from Columbia University. She serves on the New York Board of Mystery Writers of America and is a member of the Authors Guild.

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On Friday, December 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. the Princeton High School Studio Band will hold its first performance and dance of the 2003 school year.

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Now under the artistic direction of Mr. J. Downey, the band will host additional dances throughout the winter and spring to raise funds for trips to future jazz competitions. Admission is $5 at the door and light refreshments are available.

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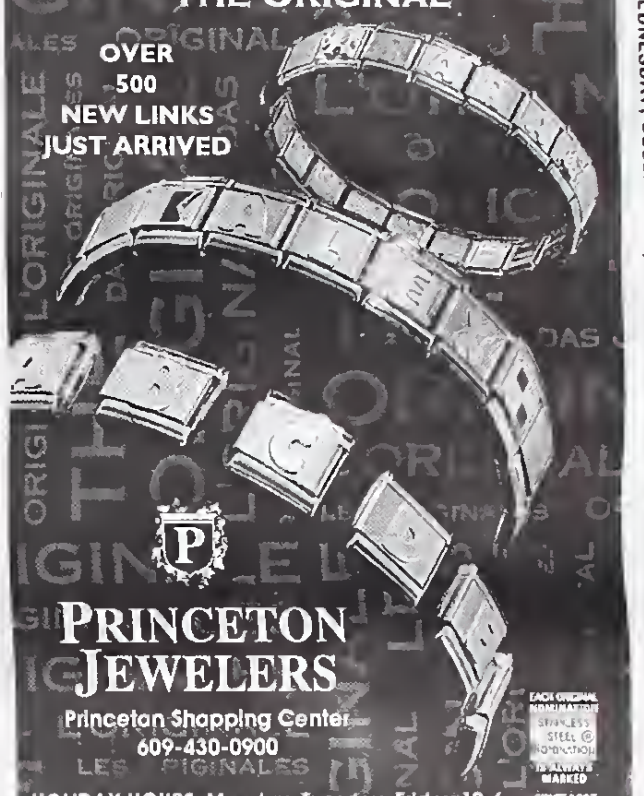

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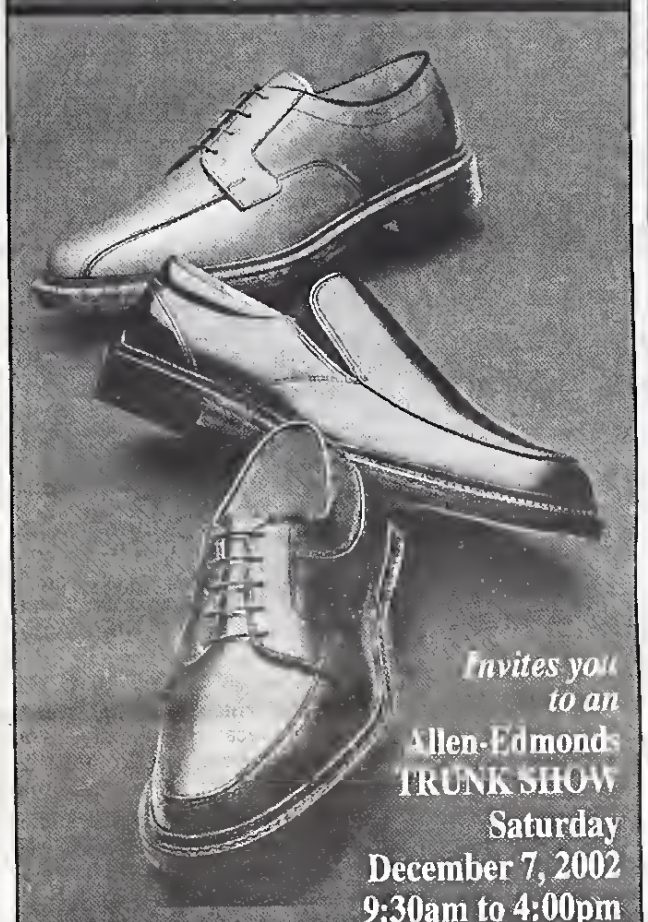

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Raising Revenue to Fund Library Branch May Be Done in Several Different Ways

To the Editor:

The concept of a branch library at the Shopping Center has gained popularity through the courageous stand taken by Township Committee candidates Ellen Souter and Michael Bonotto. At least 2,000 Township voters showed that they were comfortable with that idea by casting votes for each candidate, a showing that deserves the notice of the winners.

We have advocated ideas for funding a branch library, and I would like to review them for consideration by Princeton residents.

The first idea resulted from the overcapacity of the new library to be built on Witherspoon Street. Library officials project that the building will not be filled for another 50 years. Why, we said, shouldn't some of the unused space be rented out to help fund a branch? It has been purposely misstated that we advocated a branch library for children only, but we have always envisioned a branch for all ages and had singled out the inconvenience of a children's library on the third floor of the downtown building, which might more conveniently be housed at the Shopping Center.

While Princeton Public Library officials tout the success of a center-city library built in Montclair, and have chosen to imitate its design, the geography and population distribution of that city are quite different from the Princetons. In addition: There is a very popular and successful branch library in Montclair!

Funding for a branch could also be generated as a separate capital campaign. And, the branch could carry a name such as "The Phyllis Marchand Branch of the Princeton Public Library." Friends and relatives of Mayor Marchand, or some other person, might deem this honor appropriate for a person who has shown a keen devotion to the library, the town, and its governance. There will only be one library branch in Princeton, so it might be advisable for Mrs. Marchand's supporters to step up before someone else appropriates the branch name. Further, financial contributions of many Township residents might make a significant sum to help the branch get off the ground.

Another idea is based on both the success of today's large chain bookstores, where cafes and comfortable chairs draw people to buy books, and the success of merchandising by nonprofit institutions such as McCarter Theatre. The Friends of the Library could run a bookstore in half the space, a bookstore whose profits would fund library acquisitions. For many years a bookstore occupied the same space in the Shopping Center where the library temporarily is housed, and no competing bookstore is now located in the Shopping Center. Like the megastores, it could offer a 10 percent discount for club members or card-carrying library patrons. Many people feel stimulated to buy a book after reading it, whether to reread, lend, or give as a gift. We might prefer to patronize the Friend's bookstore rather than to respond to endless appeals for donations.

Let's innovate, not just imitate.

PATRICIA HANELINE
Cameron Court

A "Thank You" to Those Who Supported The Annual Health Fair/Feria de la Salud

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Latin American Task Force, I would like to thank all those who supported the seventh annual Health Fair/Feria de la Salud, held on November 16 at Community Park School. We all recognize the importance of preventive health care, and this outreach effort, co-sponsored by the Medical Center at Princeton. The Hispanic American Medical Association, and the Latin American Task Force Princeton provides health-related tests and screenings for community members with limited resources, in particular those whose limited English makes it difficult to communicate their questions and concerns.

Our Health Fair would not be complete without refreshments, donations for equipment and running costs, and we are most grateful to the following organizations and local businesses: Cambers Cafe, Chucks Cafe, Claire Kohn, Dunkin' Donuts,

Also Fleet Bank, Halo Farms, Hispanic American Medical Association, Holsome, Janssen Pharmaccuticals, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County, Johnson & Johnson, Lupita Groceries, McCaffrey's Supermarkets, Medical Center at Princeton, Olives Bakery & Deli, Panera Bread, Pelusa Travel, Pizza Colore, Prevent Child Abuse, Princeton University, Starbucks, Thomas Sweet, Wegmans, and Witherspoon Bread Co.

As a new member of the Princeton community, I am encouraged to see events such as this one, which address the health needs of many community members. Being a part of this event has given me satisfaction, as we were able to reach out to nearly 500 community members who may have not otherwise had the opportunity to participate in many life-saving screenings and tests.

The commitment, dedication, and time of many agencies, organizations, and individuals from Princeton and Mercer County were invaluable to the success of this event. Thank you all for your support, dedication, and commitment!

ALEJANDRA HERNANDEZ,
Latin American Task Force

Reader Would Have Liked Opportunity To Vote in Redevelopment Referendum

To the Editor:

I would have liked the opportunity to vote my convictions on Madison Square.

Over a year ago, October, 2001, in a letter to Town Topics, I asked for referendum. No response was forthcoming in subsequent months. Why?

As the Borough and Council are overwhelmingly Democratic, I realized that perhaps my vote would be negated. Nevertheless, I felt very strongly that win or lose, I wanted my vote to be on the record.

Instead, there were numerous meetings with architects and citizens voicing suggestions about design, details of the buildings' functions, etc.

The meetings, in effect, started with the premise, subtle of course, that the project was already *fait compli*. So the bottom line point: "Should this overpowering venture be voted on exclusively by Borough Council and not by the hundreds of thoughtful, concerned citizens who will have to live with it or move? Why should the votes of only six people be considered the only important ones?

Meanwhile, silence from Council, except for a Council member's response about having a referendum: "I don't want it!" Case closed.

So much for the "democratic" process in Princeton.

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Borough's Downtown Redevelopment Is Endorsed by Long-Time Residents

To the Editor:

In the almost 50 years that we have lived here in Princeton, there have been many changes caused by pressures from within and without. Through it all, the essence of Princeton, as opposed to the rest of New Jersey, has continued to thrive.

We are now about to decide whether or not to proceed with some major changes. Our decision will have important effects on the future of Princeton. This future will be built on the strength — or weakness — of our public utilities, some of which are our library, public parking, and available housing.

For the future success of Princeton, the well-thought-out garage, housing, and retail space project — providing we can afford it — must be built.

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All Parents Must Become Better Informed As They Guide Teens Through Adolescence

To the Editor:

Given the frightening fact that almost one in every 10 children has lost their virginity before age 13 years and one in four will have a sexually transmitted infection before high school graduation, parents must become better informed, involved, and proactive. Having practiced pediatrics in Princeton since 1985, I have witnessed that the national epidemic of teenage pregnancy, sexually-transmitted infections, and oral sex has not spared our local communities. Trying to discover how we adults can do more to "stem the tide," I eagerly audited the HiTOPS parenting class (an eight-evening series first announced in September in Town Topics) generously funded by The Fund for Women and Girls of the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

Observing 18 parents honestly explore their values, openly discuss, and intensely role-play, I have marveled at their successes: their rapidly increasing knowledge and understanding, their improved communication and interpersonal skills, and ultimately their newly-found competency and confidence. As one mother summarized her wisdom, "I must talk with my child early, talk often, and keep talking, talking, talking, guiding, listening and more talking."

Congratulations to all 18 parents and the HiTOPS educators for their successful group learning and for skills impressively taught. A sincere thank- you for the privilege of learning, sharing and gaining competence with you; it has given me some optimism for the future happiness and health of our teens in the 21st century. I encourage all parents and adults to become better informed and involved in guiding our teens through the dangers of today's adolescence. It is a job that all parents and adults must and can do.

DR. TIMOTHY PATRICK-MILLER,
Member of HiTOPS' Board of Trustees
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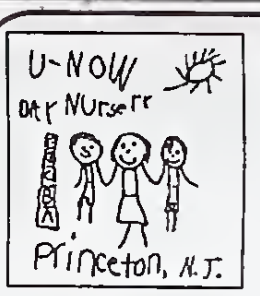

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Decision on Whether to Build a Garage Should Be Arrived at by Referendum

To the Editor:

We thank Roger Martindell of Princeton Borough Council for presenting cogent facts that illuminate for everyone the real motivation — unnecessary "Development" — behind the proposed massive garage project that would dominate and uglify our green, historic treasure of a town.

The project's $13 million bill to the taxpayers could instead purchase things we really want. ("$13 million," that is, and counting. Don't forget the inevitable Change Orders, and also the potentially extensive environmental hazard work that Jim Firestone has noted and that PSE&G is likewise having to deal with on the same block of land -- apparently an additional $5 to $6 million so far.)

Now that we know this $13+ million project would greatly increase congestion with no substantial parking benefit, as Mr. Martindell ably demonstrates, we can instead choose, say, the parking shelf option that would genuinely add some spaces, a library branch at the Princeton Shopping Center, or other more appropriate and pleasing alternatives.

You couldn't imagine the citizens of other landmark university towns agreeing to the building of a huge garage monstrosity to dominate the heart of their downtown – say, in Radcliffe Square, Oxford, or alongside Trinity Great Court in Cambridge, England, or, for that matter, in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA, or on The Green at Yale.

Please, Council, hold a referendum to let the people have their say about what kind of town they want to live in: Princeton as we know it, or simply another big-city wannabe with obstructive high rises and noisy, dangerous traffic congestion. We can hear the people speaking out, and it's not too late.

We hope the Council will decide that the people — not the developer — deserve to make Princeton's decision.

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Need to Cull Deer for One More Year, Says Member of Deer Committee

To the Editor:

Recently Princeton Township's Deer Program Evaluation Committee (of which I'm a member) forwarded its report and recommendations to our governing body. We unanimously recommended continuing culling. After one year of culling, deer-vehicle accidents (roadkills picked up) dropped from 342 in 2000 to 240 in 2001, and will probably total 140-150 for 2002. Woodland understories began to recover: last spring; spicebush sprouts at Woodfield Reservation were one to two feet high amongst dead stems, and when I asked what had happened to the previous stems (were they killed by drought or fire?) The answer was "No, deer." So less deer now are allowing shrub layer regeneration.

Not everyone in town has been lucky; residents where housing is more densely packed have deer which are born and spend their whole lives within 450 feet of buildings, where the state's safety zone law forbids firearm discharge. This makes culling such areas more difficult, but we are working on it.

We need to cull for one more year; this should bring deer-vehicle accidents down to the 60-70 range (in 1971, these totaled only 33, but with today's traffic we can't hope to match that). Afterwards, my own opinion is that we should do two things to keep deer at a tolerable level: 1) expand hunting opportunities; this is free deer control, which all of us taxpayers will appreciate. 2) Use fertility control, which is making strides toward feasibility. When our committee was gathering information, we had two visitors from the Humane Society. I asked one to outline what our fertility control maintenance program should be after deer were down to "cultural carrying capacity," and he answered "we aren't there yet. However, I'm sure that they soon will be.

Suppose we don't continue culling: What will happen? In two years, we'll be back at the 2000 level, with 300-350 roadkills, woodland understory browsed out, homeowners' gardens and shrubbery destroyed, piles of deer pellets fouling lawns, and deer ticks everywhere. A recent article in a national newspaper (NY Times, November 12) stated that deer-vehicle collisions total a million nationwide and kill 100 people a year. The next fatality could be one of us.

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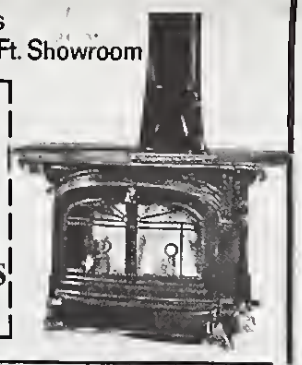

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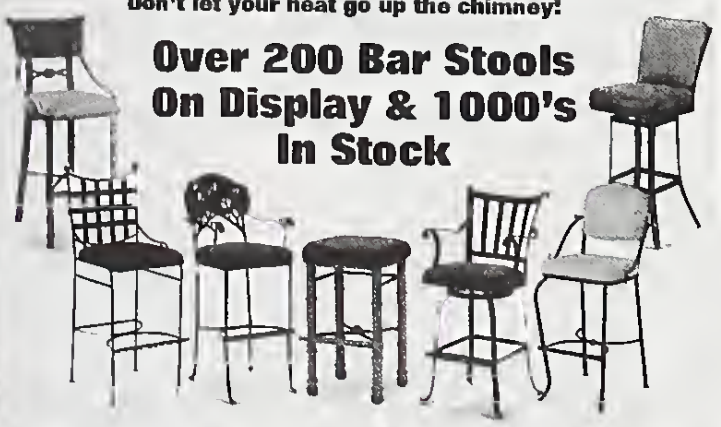

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I have judged each site with my own rating system: fair, good, excellent. The rating is based on opportunities available, price, and popularity.

For copious opportunities to access study material, www.wolffchess.com received a rating of good. There isn't a way to play others, and the annual subscription cost is $20.

Yahoo! games is a great site if your interested in playing people of amateur ability. There are no exercises or available databases, but it's free of charge. Because of its lack of options, play.yahoo.com received a rating of fair.

The United States Chess Federation sponsors a web interface which is free for all USCF members. Many thousands of players have US Chesslive memberships and there are always opportunities to play other humans. In addition, you can "attend" lectures and participate in USCF-rated tournaments. www.uschesslive.com received a rating of excellent.

The Internet Chess Club (ICC) is probably the most popular site to play chess online among chess aficionados. While it is more expensive than others at $29 for 6 months, the ICC is "home" to the most talented players in the world. The ICC offers the same opportunities as USCL as well as the ability to receive chess lessons online. www.chessclub.com "is the longest running and most vibrant chess community on the internet," and was given a rating of excellent.

—Chad Lieberman

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Dzindzichashvili, R. (2525) - Geller, E. (2600)
URS-chT Riga, 1975

1.	d4	Nf6
2.	c4	g6
3.	Nc3	Bg7
4.	e4	d6
5.	Be2	0-0
6.	Nf3	e5
7.	0-0	Nc6
8.	d5	Ne7
9.	Ne1	Nd7
10.	Nd3	f5
11.	exf5	Nxf5
12.	f3	Nf6
13.	Nf2	Nd4
14.	Be3	Nh5
15.	Re1	a6
16.	Bf1	c5
17.	Nfe4	Bf5
18.	Qd2	Nf4
19.	Ng3	Rc8
20.	Nxf5	gxf5
21.	Kh1	Ng6
22.	Rab1	Qc7
23.	b4	cxb4
24.	Rxb4	b5
25.	Reb1	bxc4
26.	Rb7	Qd8
27.	f4	Nb5
28.	Nxb5	axb5
29.	R1xb5	c3
30.	Qc2	exf4
31.	Bg1	Be5
32.	a4	Qg5
33.	a5	f3
34.	a6	Qd2
35.	Rb2	Qxd5
36.	R2b5	Qe4
37.	Qa2+	Kh8
38.	gxf3	Qf4
39.	Rd7	c2
40.	Rbb7	Qxf3+
41.	Bg2	Qh5
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1. Qxc6+ bxc6
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55PLUS will hear a presentation on globalization at its meeting on Thursday, December 5, at the Jewish Center of Princeton, at 10 a.m.

"Globalization Tested: Why Chile Succeeded and Argentina Failed Economically" will be the topic of Paul E. Sigmund, Ph.D. Prof. Sigmund will explain why Chile and Argentina are models, respectively, of the arguments for and against globalization and open markets.

A professor of politics at Princeton University, Prof. Sigmund specializes in political theory and Latin American politics. He is the author of many books on Latin American politics including *The Overthrow of Allende and the Politics of Chile 1964-76* and *Multinationals in Latin America: The Politics of Nationalization*.

The Jewish Center of Princeton is located at 435 Nassau Street.

55PLUS was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian group to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July and August, to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers.

The **West Windsor Keenagers Senior Citizen Club** will hold its holiday dinner on Thursday, December 5, at the West Windsor Senior Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is $12 for members and $15 for guests, who are welcome.

Entertainment at the dinner will be provided by the Princeton Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing In America. Adults 55 years and older are welcome to join the club and attend meetings.

For information call John Boyd at (609) 799-0211. For holiday dinner reservations call Bill Schroeder at (609) 799-0932.

For the last several years, the **Operation Smile** club of Princeton High School has held its annual Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie sale to great success. This year, the club's 50 members sold and baked 300 pies for their fundraiser with help from Jack Morrison, owner of Nassau Street Seafood. Mr. Morrison donated the supplies and his kitchens for the club members to bake the pies the weekend before Thanksgiving for the fourth consecutive year.

Club members volunteered over 100 hours to bake the pies. The project took place at Nassau Street Seafood, guided by Chef Ed Batajen, who supervised the preparation and baking.

All the funds raised go directly to Operation Smile, a private, not-for-profit volunteer medical services organization providing reconstructive surgery and related health care to indigent children and young adults in developing countries and the United States. Currently the organization is active in providing aid to 21 countries.

The Princeton Chapter, **Daughters of the American Revolution** will meet on Saturday, December 7, at The Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street.

The program will begin with a luncheon and business meeting at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a special historical presentation by members of the Morven Society, Children of the American Revolution. There will be group singing of holiday songs.

The meeting is open to all members of the community. DAR membership information and luncheon reservations are available by calling (609) 924-0872.

The **Women's College Club of Princeton** will hold a program of holiday music at its December 9 meeting in the parish hall of All Saints' Church, at 1 p.m. The Princeton High School chamber choral group, selected from the 87-member PHS Choir, will perform songs appropriate to the season.

The Princeton High School Choir, directed by Charles Sundquist, has traveled in recent years to England, France, Russia, and Germany. In 2003 the choir will tour Austria and Hungary, performing four concerts in Vienna and Budapest.

The program is free to area women who wish to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Founded in 1916, the Women's College Club of Princeton raises funds for scholarships and interest-free loans to women graduates of local secondary schools. For information call (609) 466-2994 or (609) 291-9641.

The **Friends of the Princeton Public Library** will hold its annual meeting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 8, in the Public Library at the Princeton Shopping Center.

Following a short business meeting, Tony Grafton, Dodge Professor of History at Princeton University, will speak on "The Historical Dr. Faustus: Magic and Science in Renaissance Europe." Prof. Grafton will discuss the science, art, magic, and engineering of Renaissance Europe and the surprising connections among them.

The **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton (AAAP)** will hear Dr. Paul Steinhardt, Albert Einstein Professor of Science at Princeton University, at its December 10 meeting. The session, at 8 p.m. in Peyton Hall on Ivy Lane, is part of AAAP's 2002-2003 public lecture series.

Dr. Steinhardt's topic will be "The Cyclic Model of the Universe."

All meetings of AAAP are free and open to the public. For information call Mark Lopez at (609) 393-2565 or visit www.princetonastronomy.org.

The Princeton and Trenton chapters of the **Institute of Management Accountants** will hold a joint dinner meeting at Good Time Charlie's Restaurant, Kingston, on Wednesday, December 11 at 6 p.m.

The speaker will be David Springsteen, CPA, Tax Shareholder, Withum Smith & Brown. Cost of the dinner is $25. Reservations are preferred, although walk-ins are welcome. For information or reservations call Rebecca Machinga at (609) 520-1188.

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Princeton Friends School Adds New Board Members

Princeton Friends School recently announced the addition of four new members to its board of trustees: Sheila Maddox, vice president of investment and wealth management services at Merrill Lynch; Barbara Morgan, a veteran fund-raiser for projects from Planned Parenthood of Mercer County to the Princeton Public Library's Cornerstone Campaign; Delia Pitts, a historian and former member of the U.S. Department of State; and Joseph Taylor, Nobel Prize Laureate and dean of the faculty at Princeton University.

The new board members will join 12 returning board members for a three-year term that promises to be "particularly dynamic and exciting," said board chair Michael Robertson, a visiting scholar in the English department at Princeton University and father of a 1999 graduate of Princeton Friends School. "We have two big new initiatives this year: the creation of the school's first endowment and our plans to renovate and expand the school buildings."

"It's all about community," said Ms. Maddox, who has two children at Princeton Friends School, regarding her new association with the board. "Their education has already impressed me by encompassing so much more than pure academics," she stated. "They've learned how to interact with and understand other people. What they do at this school is very good — it's important — and I want to be a part of it."

Ms. Morgan has family at the school as well: a grandson, now going into his third year at Princeton Friends. "I love it when I drop him off and see that there is a teacher at the schoolhouse door every morning, greeting every child with a smile and a handshake," said Ms. Morgan, a nurse-practitioner by training and a birder and fly-fisherwoman by avocation. "When I ask my grandson about his school, his answer is, 'I love my school!'"

Ms. Pitts moved to Princeton from Fort Worth, Texas a year ago, after being stationed in Africa and Central America as a cultural affairs officer attached to various U.S. embassies. Now a member of the Princeton Monthly Meeting, Pitts became familiar with Princeton Friends School by serving on the Meeting's Religious Education Committee.

"I'm very happy to be of help," said Ms. Pitts, who has also been the Director of International Education for Texas Christian University and an assistant dean for Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. "The teachers at Princeton Friends are wonderfully enthusiastic, and the students are a very lively and articulate group."

Mr. Taylor, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics, has long been associated with Princeton Friends School, having served on its board twice already. "I've been a fan of the school for a long time," said Mr. Taylor, who graduated from Moorestown Friends School in 1959. Mr. Taylor indicated that he is looking forward to working with the new board in what he believes will be an especially important term. "Having a building initiative is going to make this one different," he said, "and I'm really looking forward to giving the project my support."

Returning members of the Princeton Friends School board of trustees this year are Head of School Jane Fremon, Judith Johnson, Suzanne Johnstone, Ken Kehrer, Amy Kelly, Robin Moscato, Kim Pimley, Dan Rodgers, Lynn Cox Scheffey, Elizabeth Stokes, and Ward Tomlinson.

BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL: Princeton High School students, from left, Mohak Mhatre, Erica Goldberg and Garrett Brown stay warm as they sample the merchandise for the "Sale of the Year" at Landau. The sale — to be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — will help support the PHS choir's fund-raising efforts for the choir's concert tour to Vienna and Budapest.

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OPERATIC DEBUT: Six-year-old James Laycock performs with soprano Marie Plette in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's production of Puccini's "Madama Butterfly." James, son of Princeton Symphony Orchestra Conductor Mark Laycock and his wife Emily, appeared in performances November 21 and 22 at NJPAC in Newark and November 23 at the War Memorial in Trenton. "Madama Butterfly" was the first operatic stage performance for the youth, who made his orchestral debut as a percussion section apprentice at the age of four.

Open Aspects Ensemble To Perform Brown Work

On Thursday evening, December 12, at 8 p.m., the New York-based Open Aspects Ensemble and special guest Joan La Barbara will offer a 50th anniversary celebration of American composer Earle Brown's score *December, 1952*.

Presented by The Friends of Music at Princeton, the concert will take place at Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall on the Princeton campus. Following the performance, the audience will have an opportunity to discuss the work with the performers.

Mr. Brown has been a major figure in the field of American music since the 1950s, and, with John Cage, David Tudor, Morton Feldman, and Christian Wolff, was a leading figure of "the New York school." His interest in notation, scoring, and performance attitudes, leading to his development of graphic, improvisational, and "open-form" scores, including *December, 1952*, established him as a leader of the American avant garde.

Published as part of *Folio and Four Systems*, the unorthodox score consists of black lines and rectangles against a white background.

December, 1952 explores the "play of paradox" between subjectivity and objectivity: objectivity of the graphic image, subjectivity of the performers' choices; objectivity of the resulting sounds, subjectivity of the observers' mental reactions.

Earle Brown acknowledged the influence of the visual arts, in particular works by Alexander Calder, Jackson Pollock, and Robert Rauschenberg. He served as composer-in-residence at the California Institute of the Arts, the University of California at Berkeley, the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Yale University, Indiana University, and at the American Academy in Rome.

He served in the same capacity at the Tanglewood and Aspen Music Festivals, and at the Darmstadt summer courses.

Earle Brown died in July 2002.

Voice as Instrument

Joan La Barbara, composer, performer, and sound artist, has devoted her career to exploring the human voice as a multi-faceted instrument, going far beyond its traditional boundaries.

In addition to her own works, she has collaborated with such composers as John Cage, Morton Feldman, Philip Glass, Mel Powell, Steve Reich, and Morton Subotnick, to name only a few.

Members of Open Aspects Ensemble include composer/percussionist Gregg Bendian; violinist Cornelius Dufallo; composer/violist Kenji Bunch; pianist Stephen Gosling; saxophonist Taimur Sullivan, and composer/trumpeter Brian McWhorter, who teaches at Princeton University.

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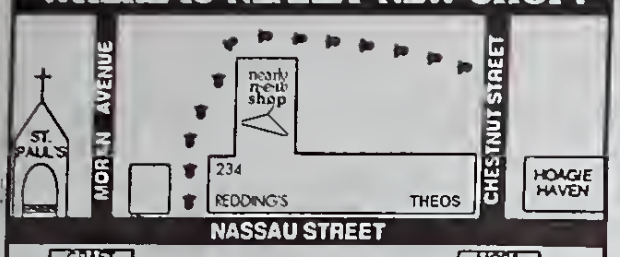

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Wednesday, December 4

7 p.m.: Film, *A Woman Under the Influence*, with discussion following; Public Library.

7 p.m.: Reading and signing, Jenny McPhee, Martha McPhee, Joan Sullivan; U-Store

Thursday, December 5

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Hall

Friday, December 6

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, "Sketches, Studies, Pictures and Views," Peter Barbieri, Ph.D. candidate. Department of Art and Archaeology; Princeton University Art Museum. Also Sunday at 3.

4:30 p.m.: Nualani Dhomhanaill, poet, reading from her work; Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: Westminster Jubilee Singers; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Lies and Legends;* Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

10 a.m.-noon: Nassau Brass performing Christmas songs; Courtyard, Princeton Shopping Center.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Historical Society Holiday Open House Tour.

11 a.m.: Talks for Children, "Glyphs and Calligraphy in the Museum," Susan Jenkins, docent; Princeton University Art Museum.

8 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, December 8

Noon-4 p.m.: A 1776 Christmas; Thomas Clarke Farmhouse, Princeton Battlefield State Park.

3 p.m.: University Concert Jazz Ensemble, "What Is Jazz?" Richardson Auditorium.

3 p.m.: Holiday Concert; Gill Memorial Chapel, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs, Handel's *Messiah;* Princeton Unitarian Church.

Monday, December 9

4 p.m.: Township Historic Preservation Commission; Township Hall.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol;* McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10

7 p.m.: Reading and signing, Esther Schor, *The Hills of Holland;* University Store.

8 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Wednesday, December 11

4:30 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Creative Writing student reading; Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

Thursday, December 12

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Hall.

Friday, December 13

8 p.m.: Christmas at Westminster, An Evening of Readings and Carols; Princeton University Chapel. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Holiday Party, Princeton Shopping Center.

11 a.m.: Talks for Children, "Origami for Kids," Laura Kruskal, docent; Princeton University Art Museum.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, *Messiah;* Richardson Auditorium.

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Wednesday, December 4:
10:00 a.m. Islam in the 20th Century (last session); Clay Street Learning Center.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; Redding Circle.
2:00 p.m. Classic Jazz: Origins & Artists (last session); 1079 Stuart Road.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too!; Spruce Circle.

Thursday, December 5:
10:00 a.m. Yoga; Princeton Community Village.
12:30 p.m. Mixed Media Art; Call for location.
1:00 p.m. Time, Space & Things (last session); Acorn Glen.

Friday, December 6:
3:30 p.m. Beginners PC Class with Phyllis Kurshan (5 sessions $30 res., $40 non-resident); Valley Road Building.

Saturday, December 7:
11:30 a.m. Merrill Lynch Holiday Phone Calls (for those registered by Nov. 25); Princeton Corporate Campus. Side Entrance, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro.

Monday, December 9:
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise; Spruce Circle.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay (call for Dec. dates); Redding Circle.
3:30 p.m. Beginners PC Class with Phyllis Kurshan; Valley Road Building.
3:30 p.m. Strength Training; Elm Court.

Tuesday, December 10:
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; Acorn Glen.
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; Borough Hall Lunch Room.
1:00 p.m. The Victorian Era with George Ingenbrandt; Spruce Circle.
2:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group with Susan Hoskins; Redding Circle.
3:30 p.m. Beginners PC Class with Phyllis Kurshan; Valley Road Building.
6:00 p.m. Bingo; Spruce Circle.

Wednesday, December 11:
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; Redding Circle.
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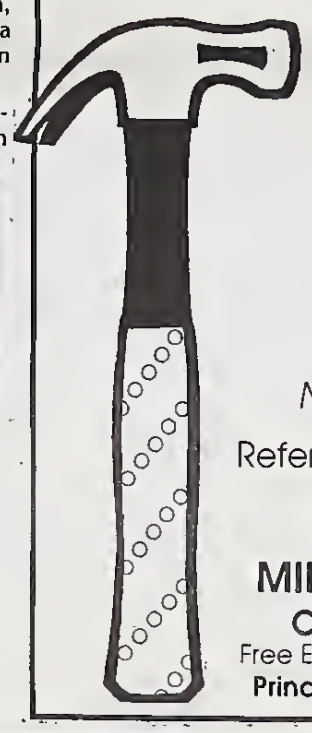

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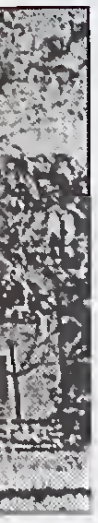

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With another townhouse sold at **WITHERSPOON MEWS**, full attention will now be devoted to two more exciting projects: **GALLUP HOUSE...** a custom colonial to be built on a two-acre lot in a wonderful family location in Princeton's Western Section. Can be ready for late summer!

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Engagements and Weddings

Micah Gorin and Rebecca Grounds

Grounds-Gorin Rebecca Walter Grounds, daughter of Marilyn and Peter Grounds of Princeton, to Micah Jay Gorin, son of Nancy and Robert Gorin of Newton, Mass. The May 11 ceremony was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston.

The bride, who will keep her name, is a graduate of Princeton Day School and Boston University. She received a master's degree in early education from Lesley College. She tutors elementary school children.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Hartford Barney School of Business. He is a real estate broker and president of Gorin Real Estate Alliance in Somerville, Mass.

The couple took a wedding trip to Italy. They reside in Newton.

Animal Rights Protesters Picket Princeton Residence

The Fisher Avenue residence of a Huntington Life Science employee was picketed by 12 protesters December 1. The protest group, Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty, was protesting the alleged mistreatment of animals at the company's Somerset County experimental research facility. Police issued no summonses and made no arrests because no crimes or ordinance violations occurred.

The Moondoggie Cafe on Witherspoon Street was the victim of an unusual theft on December 1. Person(s) unknown stole the cafe's business sign, which was posted on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant. It was valued at $500.

Ninety-nine articles of woven clothing, valued at $6,351, were stolen from the Ann Taylor store on Palmer Square on November 30. According to police, the theft occurred during a five-minute period when the front of the store was left unattended. Police have no suspect.

Lace Silhouettes Lingerie on Palmer Square was the victim of a shoplifting incident November 27. Suspect(s) unknown stole various lingerie valued at $375 from the store during the afternoon.

A female resident of Wilcox Hall at Princeton University reported the theft of her coat and purse, valued at $869, from the coat room at Ivy Club on Prospect Avenue on November 24.

Kwang Surk Jung, 25, of South Korea, was arrested November 26 after she was found inside the private areas of Trinity Church, despite having been warned to stay off church property. She was charged with defiant trespass. She was then arrested a second time on November 30 for the same offense. She was released on her own recognizance with a court date set for December 9.

Eric Jamal Pressley, 19, of Trenton, was arrested December 1 after being found to have an outstanding arrest warrant for contempt of court in Trenton. He had been stopped by police on Harrison Street for having no rear tail light on his vehicle, and was subsequently found to be wanted on the warrant. He was released on $97 bail.

Engagement & Wedding Notices/Photos

TOWN TOPICS welcomes wedding and engagement notices and photographs.

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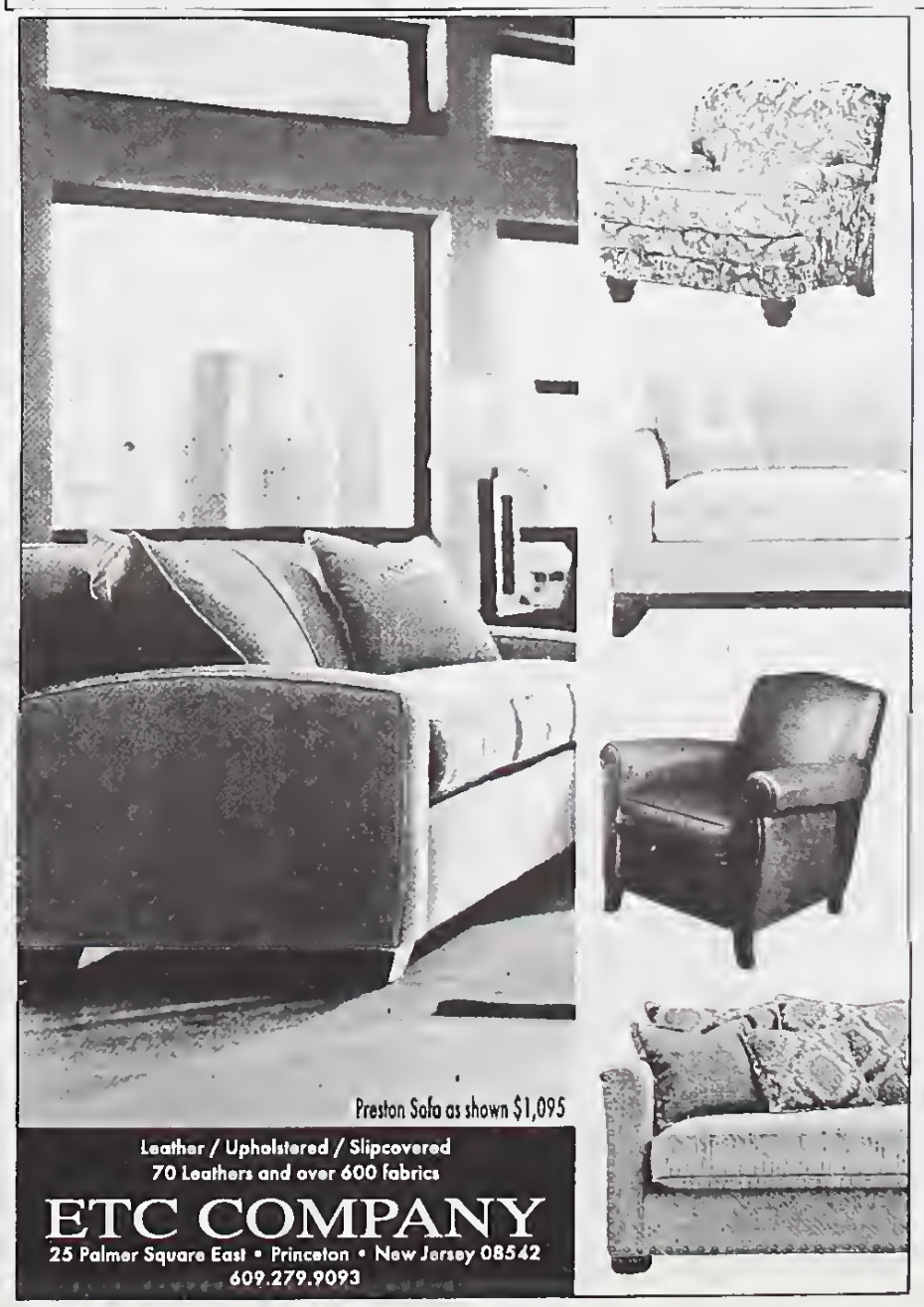

Sports

Tiger Men's Basketball Outfought as It Drops Home Opener to Florida International

After a two-year hiatus at UCLA, sharpshooting guard Spencer Gloger was back at Jadwin Gym last Saturday as a starter for the Princeton University men's basketball team as it faced Florida International University.

While Gloger, who set a Tigers' freshman record for three-pointers with 65 in the 1999-2000 season, picked up where he left off by scoring a team-leading 19 points, his return to Jadwin was spoiled as the pesky Golden Panthers outfought Princeton to come away with a 68-65 overtime win before 4,189.

Afterward, a glum Gloger, who averaged 12.0 points a game as a freshman, acknowledged that his first game at Jadwin since 2000 "was not good because of the outcome."

For Gloger, it was the Tigers' failure to give a 100 per cent effort more than the loss which was the most frustrating aspect of the evening.

"I don't think we were playing as hard as we were capable of the whole time," said Gloger, who hit on 6-of-17 shots, including 4-13 from three-point range, and also chipped in a career-high nine rebounds to lead the Tigers. "I don't know what it was tonight, everyone was just sort of flat out there. They just played harder than us."

Princeton head coach John Thompson III didn't mince any words as he assessed the Tigers' ragged performance which saw them make 19 turnovers and shoot a mediocre 38.9 per cent (21-54) from the field in falling to 1-2 on the season.

"Today is very disappointing, there's no other way to put it," said Thompson, reflecting on a night when Princeton lost its first home opener since falling to Bucknell in the Jadwin opener in the 1996-97 season. "It's very, very disappointing for a number of reasons. They did a very good job of doing what we normally do, controlling the pace of the game."

In the early going, however, it looked like the Tigers were going to make Gloger's return to Jadwin a memorable night. Princeton jumped off to a 14-6 lead in the first six minutes as Gloger contributed five points.

"I think we had a chance to take control of the game in the first half and we didn't," said Thompson. "I think in the first half we were content to pass the ball around the perimeter and we didn't try to get the ball inside."

HE'S BAAACK: Princeton University's Spencer Gloger lofts a jumper last Saturday in the Tigers 68-65 overtime loss to Florida International University at Jadwin Gym. Gloger, who spent the last two years at UCLA as he transferred there after a strong freshman campaign for the Tigers in 1999-2000, scored a team-high 19 points in his return to Jadwin. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

HEAVY TRAFFIC: Princeton University's Andre Logan, number 25, and Kyle Wente battle Florida International players for a rebound last Saturday as the Tigers fell 68-65 in overtime. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Florida International, which beat Princeton 49-44 last season in the schools' only meeting, helped turn the momentum in its favor by switching from a man-to-man defense to a zone early in the first half.

"We were able to close the gap and stay close with that zone defense," explained Florida International head coach Donnie Walsh, whose team improved to 4-0 even though it only brought nine of its 13 players to Princeton due to injuries and disciplinary measures. "Instead of having their feet set on those shots, we tried to make them move while they were trying to shoot."

Tigers' co-captain Ray Robins, who had 11 points, admitted that Florida International's move troubled Princeton. "We didn't ever run our zone offense the way we should have," added the 6'7 senior. "The way we run our offense, you have to have five guys on the same page."

After the Golden Panthers changed tactics, the game turned into a seesaw affair as the lead changed hands eight times in the second half with the teams never being more than six points apart. With 26 seconds left in regulation and the game tied at 54, the Tigers had the ball and a chance to win but were unable to score as Kyle Wente was tripped as he tried to make a last second shot.

In overtime, the Golden Panthers got two three-pointers in the first 1:08 from Slavcho Slavtchek, who hadn't scored in regulation, and never relinquished the lead as they held off the frustrated Tigers.

While the defeat left Thompson disappointed, he hopes it turns out to be nothing more than an early bump in the road in a long journey .

"As I told the guys after the game, what's important is that we continue to get better for league play, that's what the whole preseason is about," said Thompson, whose squad plays at Monmouth on December 3 before travelling to Lafayette on December 7. "We will continue to get better and improve but tonight was a poor showing."

Gloger, who is averaging 17.0 points a game so far this season, hopes for better things on the horizon as he continues his return to the Tigers' program.

"It's been pretty good so far," said the 6'7 junior, referring to his transition back to Princeton after his time in southern California. "The fact that we've got another game in a few days [is a positive.] We have to play harder and make our shots." **—Bill Alden**

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CRUNCH TIME: Princeton University's Andrea Kilbourne blasts a Northeastern player into the boards last Sunday in the Tigers' 6-2 win over the Huskies. Kilbourne chipped in two assists while Gretchen Anderson scored a hat trick for Princeton which improved to 6-2-2 with the win. The Tigers travel to St. Lawrence this weekend for games on December 6 and 7.

(Photo by Gabriel Fossati-Bellani/Daily Princetonian)

Lane 's Maturity Spurring Tiger Women's Basketball

With Maureen Lane having endured 61 defeats in the first 84 games of her career on the Princeton University women's basketball team, one would have thought she would have been thankful for a performance like the Tigers had last Wednesday against Tennessee-Martin.

Senior co-captain Lane scored a team-leading 17 points to help lead Princeton to a 92-74 romp over the visiting Skyhawks as the Tigers scored the most points they've ever had in a regulation 40-minute game with only a 97-92 triple overtime win against Brown in 1987 ranking as a more prolific scoring effort.

But reflecting the mindset of a team whose expectations have risen dramatically after jumping to 11 wins last year to match the combined victory total of the previous two seasons, Lane was not impressed by the Tigers' outburst on Thanksgiving eve in its Jadwin Gym home opener.

"I think that this wasn't our best game, " said the 6'0 Lane, who also contributed three rebounds and three assists as the Tigers won their second game in the season's first three outings. "We're looking to improve every time we step on the court and I don't think we did that tonight."

In Lane's view, Princeton's performance was subpar in several respects. "On defense, we let them get the ball in the middle more than we wanted to," she added. "We didn't pressure them enough and we had too many turnovers."

Despite the Tigers' scoring process, Lane even found fault with that aspect of Princeton's performance. "We were hitting our outside shots which helped us, but we're looking in the future to have more of an inside presence," said Lane, who was three-of-six from three-point range.

Princeton head coach Richard Barron had a similarly critical view of his squad's effort. "We shot pretty well but I'm disappointed in how many turnovers we had and how we shot free throws," explained Barron, reflecting on a night in which the Tigers had 23 turnovers and hit on only 12 of their 30 free throw attempts. "We're going to have to play better than we did today when we get into the league season."

In order to toughen up his squad as it looks to improve on its seventh place finish in the Ivy League last year, Barron took the Tigers out to the Stanford Invitational last weekend where they lost 95-39 to perennial national power Stanford last Friday and then fell 70-40 to Temple on Saturday.

While Barron knew that coming away with any wins from the weekend was unlikely, he was hoping the Tigers would gain some intangibles that will yield future dividends.

"We went out there to play against teams that are quicker, stronger and faster, we have to learn to handle that kind of pressure," added Barron, the second-year head coach who brings a 13-19 mark at Princeton Into Wednesday's home game against Centenary.

"The experience of competing against those teams helps the program down the road. The experience of competing against elite teams to see what it takes, to see how they carry themselves, the way they play the game, I think that's good for our team."

Lane, for one, thinks the program has already built on the progress it made last year. "We're a lot further ahead than we were at this point last year," added Lane, who is now averaging 13.8 points a game this season. "I think that having the same system and coaching staff has really helped us. We're a more mature team and we understand what we're trying to accomplish."

Being co-captain with Allison Cahill, Lane knows she has to a play a major role in making the Tigers mature even more. "I'm enjoying being a captain, the team is so close that it's not hard," added the Seattle, Washington native. "I think everybody is on the same page. I like it, I get a chance to fire everyone up." **—Bill Alden**

LOOKING FOR A LANE: Princeton University's Maureen Lane surveys her options in the Tigers' 92-74 win over Tennessee-Martin last Wednesday. Lane, a senior co-captain, score a team-high 17 points in the win.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Deerin Makes All-Mid-Atlantic

Senior co-captain Heather Deerin received another honor this week in her glittering career with the Princeton University women's soccer team as she was named a first-team All-Mid-Atlantic Regional selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Deerin, a defender who was the 2001 Ivy League Player of the year, recently became just the third women's soccer player and 34th athlete in Princeton history to be a four-time first-team All-Ivy selection.

Deerin's teammate, sophomore forward Esmeralda Negron, was named as a second-team all-region selection.

3 Field Hockey Players On 1st-Team All-America

The Princeton University field hockey team which made it to the NCAA final eight placed three players on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association first-team All-American squad.

The Tigers named last week to the first-team squad include senior attack Ilvy Friebe, sophomore midfielder Natalie Martirosian and junior midfielder Claire Miller.

Friebe, who was recently named as the 2002 Ivy League Player of the Year, led 12-7 Princeton in goals (25), assists (11) and points (61).

Tiger Men's Hockey Downed by UMass

A Princeton rally fell short as the Tiger men's ice hockey team fell 5-3 to UMass last Sunday in Amherst, Mass.

UMass scored twice in the first and second periods and then hung on as Princeton fought back on goals by Chris Owen, Mike Patton and Sebastian Borza.

The Tigers, now 1-10, have two home games this weekend, facing Brown on December 6 and Harvard on December 7.

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Six players from the 6-4 Tigers earned second-team All-Ivy honors, including senior co-captain and wide receiver Chisom Opara, senior offensive tackle Lance Baird, junior defensive end Tim Kirby, senior co-captain and linebacker Drew Babinecz, sophomore cornerback Jay McCareins and junior free safety Brandon Mueller.

In addition, at the team's season-ending banquet, Kirby and junior quarterback David Splithoff were named as 2003 team captains.

LEARNING CURVE: Stuart basketball head coach Tom Harrington instructs his charges at a recent practice. The Tartans, who went 11-8 last season, start their 2002-03 campaign this week with the annual Stuart Tip-Off tournament.

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Stuart Basketball Sees Success Despite Youth

The Stuart Country Day School basketball team will need its younger players to mature quickly if it is to continue the consistent improvement the program has shown in recent seasons.

Tartans head coach Tom Harrington, who has taken the team from three wins to six and then 11 in his first three years at the helm, is confident that the team can continue its upward momentum even though he has a roster that includes eight freshmen.

"Every one of the freshmen has a basketball background and that's the first time I've had that," said Harrington, whose 2001-02 squad went 11-8 and made it to the Prep B semifinals.

"Every one of them can score. If this team stays together by the end of the season they will be playing good basketball and next year they'll be a really good team.

Harrington's bevy of freshmen includes guard/forward Kathryn Kitts, center Lindsay Welch, guard Marigny Shapiro-Shellaby, forward Nora Gecan, forward Margaret Henry, forward Nina Szemis, guard Chelsea Brett and Mary Crawford-Roberts.

He expects immediate contributions from Kitts and Welch, who he has penciled into the starting lineup. "Kathryn is an outstanding athlete and Lindsay is the first true six-footer I've had in the program, she has a real soft shooting touch," added Harrington.

But as the freshmen go through the inevitable growing pains associated with adjusting to a higher level of play, Harrington has some savvy veterans to keep the squad on an even keel.

The club's tri-captains are junior forward Maya Thompson, senior guard Rachael Claudio, and junior guard Angela Harrington, the coach's daughter. Also returning is sophomore center Ansley Brett.

"Angela and Maya are our two leading returning scorers and they will have to carry us in the beginning," explained Harrington, whose squad starts its 2002-03 season with the annual Stuart Tip Off tournament with games on December 3 and 4 before going to Hun on December 10.

"I see Angela as a more mature player. She's always had strong fundamentals but now her leadership qualities are stepping forward. Maya is very strong down low and we need to get her to face the basket more."

Noting that the team benefited from going to a Big S women's basketball clinic at St. Joseph's in November, Harrington believes that youth is not going to be an obstacle to success.

"We're getting more done in the first two weeks of practice than we got done in the first month and a half last year," asserted Harrington. "The team is really getting an understanding of our offense and defense." **—Bill Alden**

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LEADING LADIES: Stuart basketball tri-captains, from left, senior Rachael Claudio, junior Maya Thompson and junior Angela Harrington, are looking forward to leading the Tartans this winter. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Stuart Ice Hockey Relying on Veterans

With the Stuart Country Day ice hockey team returning a solid contingent of veterans, head coach Greg Bugge is confident the team can get over the .500 mark this season.

"I think we have some wonderful players coming back," said Bugge, whose 2001-02 squad went 8-8-3 in his first year heading the program. "We only lost one senior so we have some experience."

While acknowledging that the Tartans have a challenging schedule, Bugge believes the squad has a combination of solid defense and opportunistic attacking which should hold it in good stead.

The team's defense will be anchored by senior goalie Lindsay Grabowski, senior defender Tracy Statter, junior defender Carly Williams and sophomore Chris Morford. Freshman Nathalie Verhaeghen is slated as the back-up goalie.

"Lindsay is a phenomenal goalie," said Bugge of the senior who also competes as a figure skater and has successfully completed the Senior Free Skating Test given by the U.S. Figure Skating Association. "She has a good eye for where to be and how to get there, she is very quick."

He added that Statter and Williams, who starred this fall for Stuart's Prep state championship field hockey team, are skilled at clearing and should cut down on traffic in front of Grabowski.

Up front, Bugge has plenty of veteran firepower to draw on including senior forward Karen Dreisbach, senior forward Pam Long, senior forward Erin Weinstock, junior forward Kelly Fitzpatrick, sophomore forward Taylor Blazewski, sophomore forward Meaghen McCarthy and sophomore forward Sarah Williams.

Newcomers who should add additional punch include senior Siobhan McCarty-Singleton, who is returning to the team after not playing last year, and a group of freshmen forwards featuring Hilary Kinka, Christa Goecke, Noha Ghusson, Mary Jane Sweetland, Lindsay Smith, Alice Murnen and Rebekah Martin.

Bugge is looking for big things, in particular, from the combination of Fitzpatrick and Long, who were also field hockey standouts for Stuart this fall.

"Long and Fitzpatrick are both aggressive and know how to get to the front of the net," added the coach, whose team starts its season by playing Wyoming Seminary on December 7 at the Lawrenceville School rink and then facing the Hill School on December 8 at Princeton Day School.

Starting the season with such experience in place has Bugge understandably ready for action. "Practices have been going great," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting the season started."

—Bill Alden

PDS Girls' Ice Hockey Has Tough Act to Follow

The Princeton Day School girls' hockey team knows that it has a tough act to follow as it looks ahead to the upcoming season.

In the 2001-02 campaign, the Panthers went 19-4-1 and took both the state Prep championship and the PDS invitational title.

"Last year was simply a great year and we won those two championships for the first time in a long time," said PDS head coach Meghan Hishmeh, who is in her fourth year heading the program and has posted a 44-22-4 mark in her tenure.

As a result, Hishmeh makes it clear that she has scaled down the expectations for this year's squad. "First and foremost, we want to finish above .500," she said. "We'd love to repeat as league champions but that's going to be tough."

Although PDS lost the core of its strong defense from a year ago, Hismeh does have enough returning talent on hand to meet her targets for this season.

The team's two key returners are senior center Blair Lamb, a four-year starter who had seven goals and eight assists last season, and junior defender Hilary Cook, a three-year starter.

As for the Panthers' defensive unit, Hishmeh will be relying on sophomore Kristina Costa in goal together with junior defenders Heidi Morse and Helena Fishbein and freshmen defenders Katy Cara and Amanda Levy.

Up front, PDS is looking for production from its first line of Lamb, senior wing Genny Lescroat, and freshman wing Jessica Cellars. The team's second line will include senior wing Jamie Martin, sophomore center Meg Kerwin, and senior wing Claire Hoppenot while the third line will feature sophomore wing Kirsten Modzlewski, junior center Carly Berger, and freshman right wing Lori Cartwright.

"We've got 18 girls on the roster and six of them are new to the team," said Hishmeh, whose team kicks off the season with a road game against Pingry on December S before home contests against Shady Side Academy on December 7 and National Cathedral on December 8 "Unlike last year, when we had that dominant defense, our talent this year is more spread out." **—Bill Allen**

Halsey Driven to Lead PDS Girls' Basketball

Rob Halsey is logging a lot of miles on the road as he tries to drive the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team to success in his first year heading the program.

Halsey, a teacher at St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel, spends nearly an hour every weekday afternoon getting to Princeton from the shore area but believes the commute is worth the effort.

"What a wonderful place," said Halsey referring to PDS. "From the kids to the administration to the facilities, it's all terrific and a great coaching opportunity."

Halsey is hoping to utilize the opportunity as a platform for turning around the fortunes of the Panthers who went 10-13 in 2001-02 after going 34-16 in the previous two seasons combined.

"I feel that I bring a lot of enthusiasm to this job and I think the girls are really responding well to me and the other two members of the coaching staff, varsity assistant Sue Repko and JV coach Todd Gudgel," asserted Halsey, who coached the Middlesex County Vocational Tech boys' squad the last two seasons.

While the Panthers' line-up only features one returning starter, Halsey has some talent about which to be enthusiastic.

PDS should get plenty of production from junior shooting guard Marla Pfenninger, who was the team's leading scorer last year as she averaged more than 12 points a game.

The other four starters should be senior point guard Joanna Bowen, freshman forward Lexi Chesier, junior forward Katie Levine and junior center Kathryn Batchelor. Senior forward Daniella Gold is slated to be the first player off the bench.

The roster also includes four sophomores: forward Brittany Clemons, swing player Kaitlyn Langdon, guard Nikki Coates, and guard Carly Crouse. Rounding out the squad is a trio of freshman guards: Mary Peters, Cait McPhaden, and Ellen Cook.

"My philosophy is to be very aggressive on defense and, until the girls really learn and feel comfortable in our system, we'll be using both zone and some man-to-man," said Halsey, whose squad starts its season with games on December 3 and 4 in the annual Stuart Tip-Off tournament before hosting Hill on December 7 and then traveling to Blair on December 10.

"This group has some pretty good speed, so we'll be pressing sometimes and often getting out and running on offense. I'm very discipline-oriented and this group of girls is doing really well. They're very bright and they seem to get it."

It looks like Halsey's daily road trips are paying off already. **—Bill Allen**

Bourbeau Adds Net Success To Hun Boys' Ice Hockey

Francois Bourbeau knows more than a little about defensive ice hockey.

Bourbeau, the new head coach of the Hun School boys' ice hockey team, was a standout goaltender for Middlebury College in the1990s when that program won four straight NCAA Division iii national titles. The Boucher-

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ville, Quebec native went on to play in the Western Professional Hockey League.

Not surprisingly, as he takes the helm of the Raiders' program that went 6-16-2 last season, Bourbeau is looking to his goaltending tandem of senior Colin Thompson and freshman Ben Wiraosemito to give the club a spark.

"They have to work hard and be busy, I'm expecting a lot from them, " said Bourbeau, who hasn't decided who will be his starting netminder. "I think I can help them as 80 percent of goaltending is mental while 20 percent is physical."

The new head coach is also looking for major contributions from a core of returning veterans which includes junior defenseman Alex Green, junior forward Nick Green, senior forward Ron Petrosy, and junior forward Joel Pietras. Bourbeau also sees freshman forward Brendan Ryan as helping the Raiders' attack.

"We don't have any superstars but we should have three balanced lines which can manage," explained Bourbeau, whose team kicks off the 2002-03 season with a game at Morristown-Beard on December 4 before home contests against LaSalle High School on December 6 and Wyoming Seminary on December 10. "I'd rather have that than rely on one good line. Defensively, we should be OK but we'll have to work hard."

Bourbeau is focused on getting his system installed. "I'm pretty happy with the talent, we just need to put the pieces together," added Bourbeau, who was an assistant at Morristown-Beard last season and has previously coached goaltenders at various programs including Princeton University.

"I'm turning the intensity up at practice as they get used to my system. We're not quite at the level I expect but since I'm new to the school, players and program this will be a fun year with a lot of adjustments."

And it won't be surprising if a stronger Raider defense emerges as part of the fun.

—Bill Alden

Chemistry in Place For Hun Girls' Basketball

Unable to get in sync early on last season, the Hun School girls basketball team struggled out of the gate to a 6-7 start.

But the Raiders righted themselves, going 9-3 the rest of the way for a 15-10 and, most importantly, making it to the state Prep A final in the process.

As Hun head coach Bill Holup prepares his squad to start its 2002-03 campaign this week, he believes the team will be able to build on that late season run.

"We had chemistry problems in the beginning of last year," said Holup, who is entering his fourth season guiding the Raiders. "We're hoping to start off strongly this year. With eight of our 10 girls back, the team is experienced and used to each other. It makes it much easier for us to run our offense."

Holup has returners in both the backcourt and up front. At guard, the veterans include seniors Shannon Mims and Erin Sanderson together with sophomores Ica Morales and Elizabeth Fries. In the frontcourt, Holup welcomes back seniors Angela Hawkins and Natalie Brunone, junior Sarah Haque, and sophomore Jill Fonseca.

"We return the bulk of our scoring, so I'm cautiously optimistic," maintained Holup, noting that Brunone and Mims both averaged in double figures last season and that Morlaes was the team's leading scorer in its first scrimmage this season. "I think that on any given night anyone on the team could score from 12-15 points. We have a solid foundation from last year."

Holup added that the team's balance has been strengthened by addition of forwards Cyndee Couch, a postgraduate, and Mary Stinson, a freshman.

The team will have to overcome a lack of size up front. "We're a smaller team than last year so we have to be more physical on defense," said Holup, whose team tips off its season with the Stuart Tip-Off tournament on December 3-4 before hosting Academy of New Church on December 7 and then Stuart on December 10.

"Also everyone on the roster is going to have to concentrate on boxing out. With the depth of our rotation, we will have some fouls to give."

With such a solid nucleus, Holup is hoping that his squad can repeat last year's late heroics. "The key to success is staying healthy, if we're healthy, I think we can match what we did last year," asserted Holup, noting that Haque is out with a knee injury until sometime in December. "We have some good, solid players. I think it's going to be a pretty exciting year."

—Bill Alden

Hun Boys' Basketball Raising the Bar

Jon Stone is raising the bar for the Hun School boys' basketball team in his third year heading the program.

After guiding the Raiders to a 19-7 mark last season, head coach Stone has his club facing some of the most highly touted prep powers in the country in the upcoming season.

"I'm excited, I think we can match last year's record but we have a very tough schedule," said Stone. "We're playing some of the best teams in the country, teams like St. Benedict's, St. Anthony's, Worcester Academy, St. Thomas More. Also, we'll probably end up playing Blair four times."

Stone will be relying on a deep rotation to help Hun meet the chailenges posed by such formidable opposition.

"I think we have the depth to compete, we can go at least eight deep and maybe up to ten," added Stone, whose squad opens its 2002-03 campaign with a home game against St. Benedict's on December 5 and then travels to the Solebury School on December 7.

The two key veterans in the Raiders' lineup will be junior point guard Mingus Murray and senior center Scot Mardy. Stone will also be looking for contributions from a strong group of newcomers which includes senior point guard Patrick Dwyer, postgrad forward Nat Fritsch, junior forward Kyle Atkinson, junior forward Noah Savage, postgrad guard Billy May, junior guard Matt Stilitano, and junior center/forward Craig McGovern.

"We had a balanced team last year with five guys averaging at or around double figures, I think we should have a similar situation this year," maintained Stone, who said that he sees Murray and Mardy together with Dwyer and Fritsch as the team's key players at the outset of the season.

"We're getting there, we're putting everything together. We've had one scrimmage and it went well. We had some weaknesses, mainly on little things like getting out on screens on defense."

Stone, though, is confident that his squad can clear those things up in time to have a strong campaign.

"Our success will come down to how well we play together offensively and defensively," explained Stone. "If we trust each other, we should be fine because we do have some ability."

—Bill Alden

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Curtis Stepping Down From PHS AD Post

An eventful era in Princeton High athletics is coming to an end next month as PHS athletic director John Curtis is stepping down this January after a decade in the post.

After making his decision public last week, Curtis said "it's time to move on, it's been a great 10 years."

Curtis, 53, who has been serving in the job since 1993, was offered a separation package by the school board and decided to take it. The board will appoint an interim director to fill the position starting in January.

"I'll miss the coaches, kids, community and faculty," added Curtis, who said he has no immediate plans to leave the area and will pursue other opportunities. "I won't miss the hours, it was 12 hours a day, six-seven days a week."

In Curtis' view, the diligent effort he has put in has advanced the PHS athletics program in several key respects. "I think my biggest accomplishments have been establishing the girls' ice hockey and softball programs and helping our soccer programs grow," said Curtis. "Also, boys' lacrosse was on the verge of being eliminated and now it's great to see it in the top 20 in the state."

QUALITY TIME: Princeton High athletic director John Curtis, left, with his son Jay two weeks ago after the latter's final college football game in his Springfield College career. The elder Curtis announced last week that he will be stepping down January after a 10-year run in the position in order to pursue other opportunities.

As for his future endeavors, Curtis said he plans to "branch out" academically and otherwise. He is already involved in the "Play-It-Smart" program which provides inner city children with athletic and academic mentoring and Minority Athletes Networking, or "MAN" which helps minority athletes in the northern Jersey area.

"The MAN group doesn't have a program in Trenton and I haven't had the time to help them branch out in central New Jersey so that's something I may pursue," said Curtis, who resides in Princeton with his wife Debbie and has two sons in their 20s and two daughters who are teenagers.

But whatever course Curtis takes, his time at PHS will have a special place in his heart. "This has been a very, very positive experience," he said.

—Bill Alden

Area Rowers Excel At British Event

Princeton-area rowers had a banner performance at the recently held British Indoor Rowing Championships in Birmingham, England.

Princeton residents Lisa Schlenker, Eric Mueller and Steve Warner each claimed gold medals while Gabe Winkler of Princeton and Loretta McCarthy of Mt. Laurel took silvers.

Schlenker won the women's open lightweight race, Mueller won the men's 30-34 heavyweight race, and Warner took first in the men's open lightweight event. Winkler was second in the men's open lightweight event while McCarthy was second in the women's 5054 lightweight event.

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Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital
Speaker: Geri Karpiscak, RN, C - Coordinator Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Angela Santoro, Registered Dietician
Celebration of the Lighten Up successes as well as a combined talk on stress management skills and dietary choices for the upcoming holiday season.

Diabetes Support Group
Princeton Diabetes Support Group
Date: Next Meeting is December 18, 2002
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: Diabetes Conference Room, J5, Princeton Hospital
Monroe Diabetes Support Group
Date: Next Meeting is January 15, 2003
Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Location: Monroe Township Senior Center, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ
Discussion of diabetes related issues facilitated by a certified Diabetes Educator.

Better Breathers Club
Date: First Tuesday of Every Month; Next Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2003
Time: 10:00-11:15 a.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital
Facilitator: Nancy Elson, MA, RRT, Respiratory Care Practitioner
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Boys' Basketball: The Big Red, coached by Ron Kane, tips off their 2003-03 campaign with home contests against Friends Central on December 7 and Pennington on December 10.

Girls' Basketball: Head coach Kevin Mattingly takes his squad on the road to open the season as the Big Red play at Pennington on December 10.

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Big Red, guided by head coach Etienne Bilodeau, start their campaign with home games against Kent School on December 7 and against South Kent School on December 10.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Head coach Tammy Shewchuk and her team will kick off their season this weekend with home contests against National Cathedral on December 7 and Shady Side Academy on December 8.

Swimming: The Big Red squads, led by head coach Jim Jordan, get their season started on December 4 at Pingry before facing Hill at home on December 7.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: The Panthers, led by head coach Charley Ross, tip off their 2002-03 campaign on December 4 with a road game at Ranney before a December 10 home game against George School.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Head coach Chris Barcless' squad start their season with home games on December 4 against Rye Country Day and December 6 against St. Mary's.

Squash: The Panthers, guided by head coach Dede Webster, start their season on December 4 with a home match against Blair.

PHS

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Little Tigers got their 2002-03 campaign off on the wrong foot as they lost 8-1 to Hopewell Valley on December 2 at Hamilton Iceland. Sam Boyd scored the lone goal for PHS, who face Hamilton on December 4 at Mercer County Park before taking on Ewing on December 9 also at MCP.

Swimming: The Little Tigers, led by head coach Greg Hand, get into action on December 7 with the Knights Relay at WW/P-N.

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Swimming: The Raiders, led by head coach Madeline Jones, start their 2002-03 season on December 4 with a meet against Wardlaw and Rutgers Prep at Wardlaw.

Wrestling: Head coach Jim Nehlig's squad starts its season on December 10 as the Raiders travel to Wardlaw.

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Library

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the parent company of PSE&G, said that the site was officially returned on Monday, December 2.

The site of the new library building at the corner of Witherspoon and Wiggins streets is the former location of Princeton Gas Works, a manufactured gas plant.

According to Ms. Cifelli, the coal gasification plant was operated on the site from the mid-1850s until 1911. Tar, one of the by-products of the process, was stored in underground tanks. Unbeknownst to the company, coal-tar residuals and harmful chemicals contaminated the soil.

Ms. Cifelli stated that the property was sold to Princeton Borough in 1958. The plant was subsequently demolished, and Princeton built a 26,000-square-foot library in its place in 1965.

Remediation

The DEP later determined that it needed to investigate the sites of former manufactured gas plants and remediate those that were shown to be contaminated. As the former owner and operator of the plant, PSE&G was ordered to conduct the remediation of the site.

During the last week of September, just prior to the expected completion date of the soil remediation project, library officials were informed of the discovery of tar residue that had seeped from an underground storage tank. Subsequently, the originally targeted completion date of October 1 was pushed back twice by PSE&G until December.

The completion of the soil remediation project includes the development of a building pad or structural fill that contains soil compacted to support the weight of the new building.

Having received the remediated site, library officials expressed their desire to hasten the construction process in order to meet the original deadline.

"I would still very much like to have that building open by the end of 2003," said Mr. Levine. "Turner has been helpful in that regard. In fact, some of our off-site work — like the steel fabrication — has already begun, but we still have much work to do."

"We will be on the look-out for ways to move the completion date up earlier in the year, but we may not see those windows of opportunity until the spring," said Mr. Greenfeldt. "We are all committed to getting back downtown as soon as we can."

Both officials acknowledged that any one of a number of factors — including weather delays, availability of materials, and the potential for strikes — could create additional alterations to the construction schedule.

"There are all sorts of risks involved in any construction project," said Mr. Levine, "but we feel that we have much better control over the process now."

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***QUESTION:** I'm dreading Christmas. Every year at this time, I get a bad case of "the blues," and can't seem to shake them. My family gets frustrated with me, and I just don't understand why I'm down when everyone else is up. Help!*

ANSWER: As a number of different people like yourself wrote to me with basically the same problem, let us spend more time with this concern.

To understand why many people get depressed during what most people picture as the happiest time of the year, we must look at what was and what might have been.

As regards what was, imagine someone whose parent or spouse has recently died. Their first Christmas alone finds their mind irresistibly drawn back to past holidays filled with laughter and joy, all the more intensifying their feeling of loss. While this phenomenon is normal, and while one adjusts to death with time, nonetheless, it is important to note that some remnant of this feeling will remain, the holidays forever having a twinge of pain amidst a season of cheer.

Far more difficult is the problem of what might have been. Imagine now someone who has recently been divorced. The holidays, a time when families are together with children "nestled in their beds" finds this person often bitterly separated from their spouse and grudgingly shuffling their children back and forth hoping to still foster some semblance of family. Knowing it could be differenl, this person agonizes over what could have been if only certain mistakes had not been made, usually in their mind by the other person.

The same is true for people whose past is anything but happy, perhaps having lived at odds with their parents, feeling that their parents never really cared. tmagine the pain of an adult child of an alcoholic or an adult survivor of incest, Watching numerous Christmas specials on television depicting unrealistically happy families arm in arm together before "the ol' yule log" may be torture, producing feelings of jealousy, sadness, and intense anger.

What can help? As regards what was, we need to cherish our memories, but realize that our loved ones would not wanl us to endlessly suffer. They would want us to go on, reassuring us that to enjoy today is not to be disrespectful to yesterday.

As regards what might have been, while it may be important to reflect on a past divorce to learn from our mistakes, it is not healthy to dwell on them. Instead ot being stuck on what was lost in the past, it seems best to free ourselves to see what we have in the present. Dealing with emotional or physical abuse from childhood is far more difficult, probably requires therapy, expressing anger assertively when possible, and, ultimately, forgiveness.

Some of what underlies the holiday blues, though, is an innate desire to be perfectly happy. Unfortunately, this is an impossible task, for perfect happiness can only be attained through union with a perfect being, namely, God. Our earthly life, being limited, is, therefore, open to suffering. We all need to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas and of life, realizing that Christ was born in a manger and died on a cross, but brought us each eternal salvation. That Christmas present will not fade or tarnish, its value being so wonderful as to bring a smile to our face, and, hopefully, us to Church to give thanks.

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OBITUARIES

Henry Stuart Patterson II

Henry Stuart Patterson II, 80, of Princeton, died December 1 at The Medical Center at Princeton. He was a former mayor of Princeton Borough who served four terms from 1962 through 1969.

Born in New York City, he was a 1943 graduate of Princeton University, where he majored in economics.

After graduating from Princeton, he saw active duty in the U.S. Army Field Artillery during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 as a First Lieutenant.

In 1948, he joined Dun & Bradstreet and was employed there until 1950 when he joined Elizabethtown Water Company. He served as its president from May, 1973, until his retirement in September 1985. He then became president of E'town Corporation, the holding company of Elizabethtown Water Company.

Mr. Patterson recently served as a director of Elizabethtown Water Company and as a director of its subsidiary, Mount Holly Water Company. He was also chairman of the Executive Committee of UJB Financtal, and a director of three of its subsidiaries — United Jersey Bank, United Jersey Bank Central NA, and Richard J. Blackman & Co.

He served as a Commtssioner for the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation from 1979 to 1990. He was appotnted by Gov. Brendan T. Byrne in 1979, and reappointed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean in 1983. He was appointed Chairman of the Commission in 1985. He maintained that position until his tenure ended in 1990.

He was a director and past president of the National Association of Water Companies, past president of the New Jersey Utilities Association, and an honorary member of the American Water Works Association. He had also served as a member of the Rutgers University Board of Overseers. He is a former president of the Middlesex-Somerset-Mercer Regional Study Council, and is a past member of its board of directors.

Husband of the late Suzanne Virden Patterson, he is survived by two sons, Henry S. III of Rocky Hill, and Michael V. of Ridgewood; two daughters, Abby Ann Patterson of Newton, Mass., and Lucy P. Cox of Monroe, Conn.; a brother, Edward, of New York City; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held Friday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Colonial Williamsburg Foundatton, P.0. Box 1776, Williamsburg, Va. 23187-1776.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Eleanor B. Dearborn, 93, of Princeton Junction, died December 2, at home.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., she received a B.A. In history from Pennsylvania College for Women, now Chatham College, in Pittsburgh. She then received her master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh.

She had been a resident of Prtnceton Junction since 1952.

In 1971 she was appointed as West Windsor Tax Assessor; she retired in 1978. She was a former member of the West Windsor Township Board of Education, and a member of the West Windsor Townshtp Keen Agers.

She had worked as a real estate broker for Walter B. Howe and was a former member of the Advisory Board for United Jersey Bank.

She was a former member of the Princeton Junction Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and former elder of Ftrst Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, where she was active in mission work. With her late husband she was also active in the early stages of the Trenton Soup Kitchen.

Wife of the late Richard C. Dearborn, she is survived by a son, Richard E. of Lawrenceville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Thursday, December 5, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck. Burial will follow at Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Visitation will be December 4 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Princeton, from 7 to 9 p.m.

In lteu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Princeton Health Care Ministries, P.0. Box 1517, Princeton 08542.

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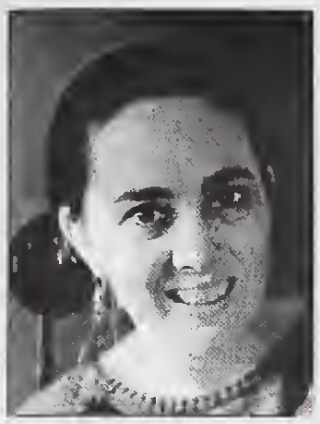

Elizabeth H. H. Flemer

Elizabeth Hall Hutner Flemer, 47, of Princeton, died November 30 at Princeton Medical Center, following a long battle with breast cancer.

Born and raised in Princeton, she attended Miss Fine's School and Princeton Day School. She graduated magna cum laude from Yale University with a degree in English and classics. In the last weeks of her life, she completed her doctoral dissertation on the poetry of Horace and John Donne. Her Ph.D. in comparative literature from Princeton University will be awarded in January.

During the 1980s, Mrs. Flemer taught English at the Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York, and at Princeton Day School.

In 1993, she married William Flemer IV of Princeton. They have a son, Will, 8.

In addition to her academic work, Mrs. Flemer was a published essayist and poet. She recently collaborated with her brother, Simeon, on a book of poems and photographs, *Life with Sam*, about her son from her first marriage, who died of leukemia in 1992. The book is forthcoming from CavanKerry Press.

She was also a singer and songwriter who performed locally with her husband.

She is survived by her husband; her son; her stepdaughters, Emma and Nell Flemer; her parents, Drs. Simeon and Frances Hutner of Ripton, Vt.; her brothers, Daniel Hutner of Manchester, Vt, Nathaniel Hutner of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Simeon Hutner of Los Angeles, Calif.; and her sister, Louise Hutner of Princeton.

A private family funeral and burial in Princeton Cemetery was held on December 3. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, at the Princeton University Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to The Waldorf School of Princeton.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Mary Edith Rankin Fielder, 108, formerly of Princeton, died December 1 in Sarasota, Fla.

Born in New York City, she grew up in Fair Haven and was a Princeton resident from the mid 1950s until she moved to Florida in 1988.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Fair Haven Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary.

Mother of the late Stanley J. Fielder, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lillian D. Fielder of Sarasota; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m., December 5, at John E. Day Funeral Home in Red Bank. Viewing will be from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. service at the funeral home.

Leonore Lane Paneyko, 95, of Skillman, died October 30 at the Medical Center at Princeton following a brief illness.

Born in Hampton, N.H., she was a 40-year resident of Princeton and Skillman. For years she maintained a home in Bar Harbor, Me.

A graduate of the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass., and Smith College, she devoted her life to her family and family philanthropy. Following in the footsteps of her late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Lane, she supported many causes and institutions in New Hampshire and elsewhere.

She traveled the world extensively, and loved reading, music, historical and cultural activities and her gardens.

She is survived by her two sons, Andrew H.L. of New York and Stephen H. of Skillman; and three granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either The Lane Memorial Library, 2 Academy Lane, Hampton, N.H. 03842, or to Smith Alumnae Fund, 33 Eden Street, Northampton, Mass. 01063.

A gathering of friends will be held at Bedens Brook Club in Skillman on Saturday, January 11, at 5 p.m.

Clifford A. Erickson, 77, of Lawrenceville, died November 28, at the Capital Health System-Fuld Campus, of complications from sigmoid carcinoma.

Born in Fargo, N.D., he attended North Dakota State University, graduating in 1946 with a B.S. in chemistry. He received a master's in organic chemistry in 1950 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He served in the Army Chemical Corps from 1950 to 1952, where he participated in atomic tests in Nevada.

He worked as a chemist at FMC from 1952 until 1982. He then joined the Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company for 20 years as manager of the information retrieval department.

He was a birding enthusiast, with over 650 species identified, and a photographer of locomotives. He was a member for many years of the American Chemical Society, the Audubon Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Nature Conservancy, the North American Mycological Association, the Philadelphia Area Trenton Naturalists Association, the Hewlett Packard Handheld Computer Club, and the American Birding Association.

He is survived by his friend and fellow birder Marge Llubavicius of Toronto, Canada; two sisters, Beverly McGee and Sharon Lockwood of Minnesota; three brothers, Howard of California, Donald of California and Rodney of Illinois; and John Gale, a fellow chemist from Fargo.

A private service is planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial Service

A Mass of Christian Burial for Theodore T. Tams Jr., who died December 3, will be celebrated December 7 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church. Calling hours will be Friday, December 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kimble Funeral Home.

RELIGION

Community Center Plans "Family Fun Mitzvah Day"

The Jewish Community Center of the Delaware Valley has scheduled "Family Fun Mitzvah Day" for December 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center.

During the event, clothing and gifts will be sorted and cookies baked for needy families in the area. Crafts will he made to decorate living spaces for the elderly. There will be games, gym activities and refreshments.

The Center is seeking donations of clothing in excellent condition; toiletries such as hair brushes, soap, shampoo, perfume and makeup; baby diapers, wipes and clothing; and accessories for men, women, and children such as boots, scarves, gloves, hats, umbrellas and pocketbooks. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Center prior to December 25th.

"Family Fun Mitzvah Day" is co-sponsored by United Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks, Greenwood House Jewish Comrnunity Center of the Delaware Valley, and Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County.

For information on how to participate, call (609) 883-9550.

The Jewish Comrnunity Center is located at 999 Lower Ferry Road in Ewing.

G.O.A.L. Project Holds Dessert and Coffee

Dr. Terry Webb, director of the non-profit G.O.A.L. Project, a Christian mission agency, will host a dessert and coffee on Sunday evening, December 8, in her home at 30 Old Orchard Lane. Those having an interest in international addiction and recovery missions are invited to attend, view a video, and purchase an item of Russian folkcraft–icon, doll, toy, pin, or box–to support G.O.A.L. mission projects.

Reservations are requested; call (609) 921-8068.

Divorce Recovery to Be Church of Christ Topic

"Divorce Recovery" will be the topic of several meetings at the Princeton Church of Christ during December.

A divorce recovery support group will meet Friday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p.m.

A divorce recovery seminar will be held Friday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m., on the topic, "How to Deal with Feelings."

All groups will meet at the Princeton Church of Christ, 33 River Road. The meetings are free and are "designed to meet the special needs of those experiencing the trauma of divorce," according to program coordinator Phyllis Rich. Those needing child care should call for details.

For more information call 581-3889.

Bulletin Notes

St. Paul Church, 214 Nassau Street, will hold a Christmas tree blessing and lighting ceremony in front of the church entrance on Saturday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. A performance by the St. Paul Church Children's Choir will follow. Monsignor Walter Nolan, pastor of St. Paul Church, will preside.

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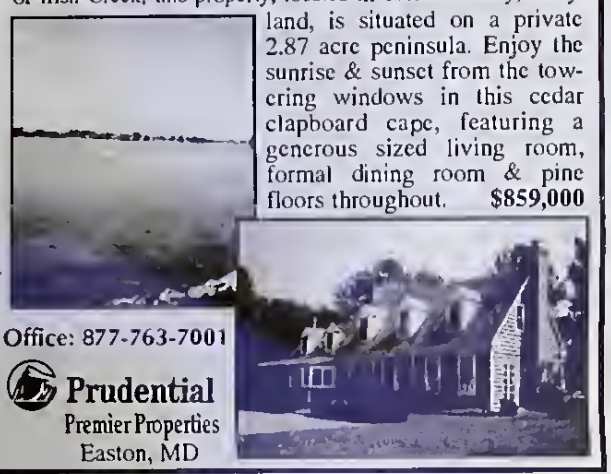

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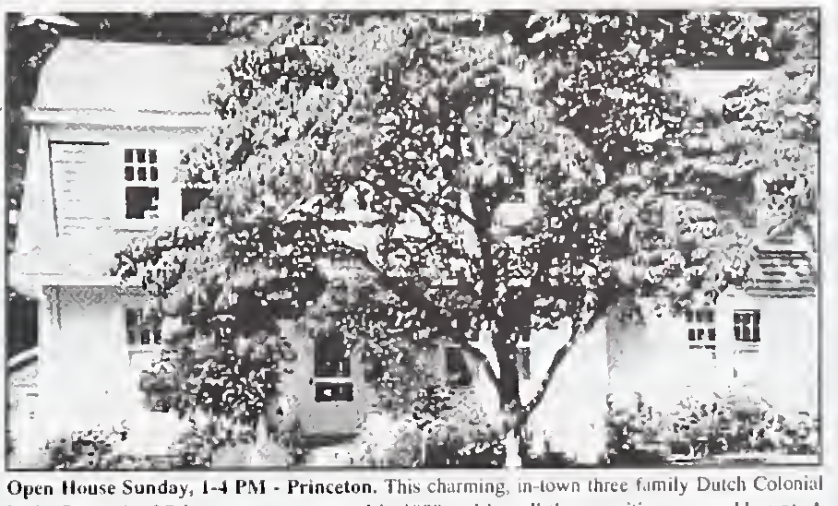

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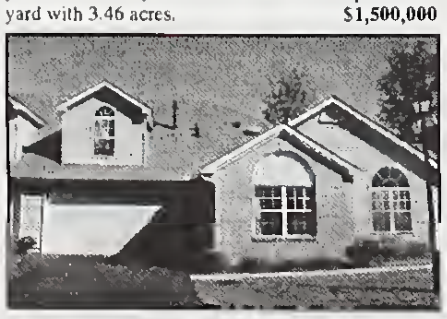

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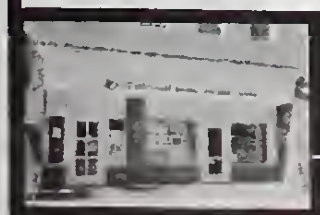

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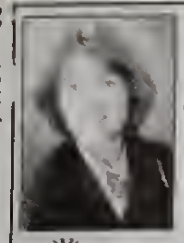

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That can take planning! And especially during the holidays when there is so much going on. This season offers an abundance of activities and entertainment for all ages, and Princeton has something for many interests.

Length of stay determines what you can do, but a warm welcome is always the key to a happy visit. One friend who has shared her hospitality with many guests suggests contacting visitors ahead of time to ask what they'd like to do. Also, finding out about foods they don't like or are allergic to is a good idea — and also the reverse, favorite dishes they enjoy.

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Relaxed Visit

As much preparation as possible ahead of time will allow for a more relaxed visit once guests arrive. Do as much shopping as you can, and include lots of snacks and soft drinks and juices, especially if children are coming. It is also a nice touch to prepare a bathroom basket with shampoo, lotions, tissues, hair dryer, toothpaste, etc. It saves a lot of back and forth when they arrive — people always forget something!

Add a holiday motif with guest towels tied with red and green ribbons and special Santa- or tree-shaped guest soaps. Another welcoming touch is to include a glass Christmas tree, holiday plant and flowers in the guest room, as well as holiday books and magazines. Christmas throw pillows can also make a room festive.

My former Princeton friend, now in Nebraska, has a handy idea for guests who might not be used to cold climates. "I don't keep the house very warm at night, so I microwave a couple of fabric bags filled with about two cups of dried rice in each. These are put inside the bottom of the bed to warm sleepers' toes. I also have ironed cotton sheets and pillow cases (which had been hung outside to dry), and my guests always comment on them. I like down pillows, but I have non-allergenic ones at the ready!"

Having dinner ready for guests the first night is impor-

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FAIRY TALE: Eight-year-old Natasha Rabinowitz poses with Santa outside Weidel Realtors on Nassau Street on Saturday. The 8-year-old, identifying herself as the sugar plum fairy, wore a gauzy headband and carried a wand from a matinee performance of "The Nutcracker" at McCarter Theatre. Weidel Realtors hosted adoptable puppies from S.A.V.E. and offered children the chance to have their photograph taken with Santa. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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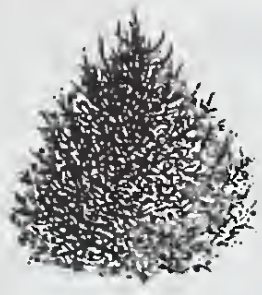

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HOLIDAY CHORUS: Members of Sheket, the Junior Choir of the Princeton Jewish Center, sing at Palmer Square's menorah lighting ceremony, Monday on Mediterra plaza. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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tant, reports a New York friend. "They will probably be tired and not eager to go out, so prepare a welcoming dinner for them. And plan a nice breakfast for the following morning. Generally, have meals that are simple and easy."

Fun and Festive

Also, she adds, dining out is an option — at some point, the hostess needs a break — and restaurants are festive and fun during the holidays.

Some guests are high-maintenance, and others are not. Once they feel at home, the latter may enjoy going off on their own, respond to kitchen "privileges" — i.e., making their morning coffee, particularly if they are early risers — and generally feel comfortable enough to do their own thing.

If guests arrive before Christmas or Hanukkah, they can be involved in the anticipation and fun leading up to the event. Preparing the traditional Hanukkah dishes — latkes, little jelly donuts, brisket, and noodle pudding — getting the gelt (real or chocolate!), the toys, such as dreidels, and of course, lighting the candles during the eight days are all a big part of the pleasure.

In the Christmas tradition, baking cookies, decorating the house and the tree, visiting the stores to shop, look at the decorations and window displays, and walking through town to enjoy the holiday atmosphere are all ways guests can be part of the scene.

Princeton's Old Fashioned Christmas offers horse and carriage rides, carolers on the green, bands, and other holiday activities.

Princeton, in fact, is unique in the variety of activities it provides, including tours of the Governor's mansion, Drumthwacket, a walk through the University campus, or the Princeton Battle-

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field — if guests stay long enough, they can watch soldiers drill under General Washington on December 29!

Christmas Music

There are also the special holiday productions of "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol" at McCarter Theatre, and those who enjoy traditional Christmas music will find ample opportunities in Princeton to hear it in all its splendor. Princeton Symphony Orchestra, Princeton Pro Musica, Princeton University, Westminster Choir College, Princeton High School, and most of the churches have special Christmas concerts. The high school's concert takes place in the Princeton University Chapel, and is highlighted by the combined choir and glee clubs, joined by scores of PHS alumni, singing Handel's *Messiah*.

Princeton is also close to other areas that provide special holiday entertainment. New York, of course, with the lights and decorations of the Fifth Avenue stores, the tree and skating rink at Rockefeller Center, and the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall.

Philadelphia has its attractions, both historical and seasonal, and for those who like the ocean breezes even in winter, the shore is less than an hour's drive.

One can also always check the internet for entertainment ideas, including walking tours, in the area.

It is fun to drive around town and see the houses with their lights and decorations. This can be enjoyable for children and adults, and it is especially enlightening to look at some of these decorations through the eyes of a child, points out my friend in Nebraska.

"One day, I was walking with a 4-year-old, the child of a friend, and he remarked on what I considered a much too gaudily-decorated house. 'Isn't that just wonderful!' he said. I had to look at the house with an entirely different pair of eyes after that — the eyes of a child."

Holiday Expert

Caroling is another activity that is enjoyable for all, and my friend in Connecticut has had great success arranging caroling parties. "Just prearrange with neighbors to give out candy canes, cider, or hot chocolate. If someone plays the guitar, be sure to have him or her come along. Also, you often pick up people along the way, including those whom you visit. It's great fun, and all the walking ensures that the kids will be ready for bed when they get home."

Selecting gifts for guests presents special challenges, since you don't want to load them down with heavy things to carry home (especially if they are flying). My Connecticut holiday expert suggests gift certificates to some of the local attractions, such as dinner or lunch for two in a popular restaurant, or tickets to a show — activities they can

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SEWING SPECIALTIES: People are rediscovering the pleasure of handmade items, report Howard and Elizabeth Anderson, owners of Stony Brook Sew & Vac in the Mercer Mall. Husqvarna Viking and White sewing machines offer garment and heirloom sewing, quilting, embroidery, and home decorating stitching. A big selection of sewing notions is also available, and a special state-of-the-art laser body scan will take body dimensions for individual patterns December 4 through December 9. The store has a large selection of vacuum cleaners, including the high quality Miele. Repair service for vacuum cleaners and sewing machines is offered, as are gift certificates.

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enjoy while they are visiting.

"In addition, a day at the spa for manicure, pedicure, facial, massage, etc., is a great gift for the women to enjoy together. It's especially nice if your guest is really working hard with you on trimming the house and tree or helping a lot with Christmas dinner. Book it for the day after Christmas!"

She also suggests phone cards for teens and college students, unless they have cell phones. They can call their friends back home, or use them when they return to home towns and campuses.

Guests will feel right at home if they have their own stocking to hang up on Christmas Eve. That is a special touch a friend in Arizona, formerly of Princeton, always includes. "You can make them if you have the time, or buy new ones, or recycle old ones no longer used. One year, when we had surprise guests, we had to use the dog's stocking, but no one was the wiser!

"You can fill guests' stocking with the traditional orange, apple, candy, etc., but also with token gifts about your area — post cards of Princeton University or the shore, Princeton tiger key ring, etc.

Favorite Ornoment

"Another thing we did, and it really worked well, is if you have a family visiting, ask one of the members to secretly find a favorite tree ornament for each of the people coming and to wrap it up. When presents are opened, each of the guests will be surprised with their special decoration, and it makes them feel right at home."

Another way to make people feel welcome, she adds, is to ask guests to bring a favorite recipe for the holiday dinner. He or she can make this and will really contribute to the dinner. "Here's Aunt Sophie's famous yam casserole. So glad she can be with us and share her recipe!"

My Nebraska friend points out that an important way to make guests welcome is not to get too stressed out yourself. "Entertaining during the holidays helps break up the monotony of long dark cold nights, waiting for the sun to do its turnaround. When I entertain, I remember all the best times of having been entertained and try to live up to them.

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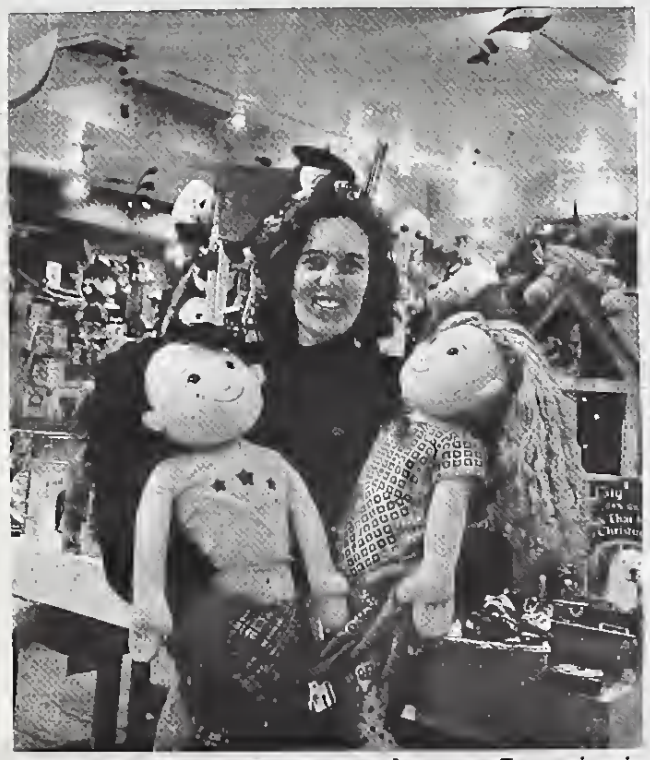

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"Once the house is warmly decorated and inviting, with lots of candles glowing, it's very necessary to 'go with the flow.' Don't take yourself too seriously. There's nothing worse than an uptight host or hostess. So .... the profiteroles didn't stay puffed up, the bread got a little dark ... no one will mind if you don't make a fuss. I have a saying, 'It's not the mistakes I make — it's all the mistakes that I don't make!'

"In fact," she adds, "I feel that I'm making people feel at ease when something goes a bit wrong because it happens to everyone!"

She also shares one of her favorite ways of entertaining, which is always a big hit with guests.

"Hors d'oeuvres and desserts with no entree! Wine, of course. For the beginning, smoked salmon or graviax with fishmonger sauce, crostini with roasted peppers or olive tapenade, chips with guacomole, crudite with hummus dip; cheese fondue, and really good bread cubes; cheese, such as pepper jack or sage cheddar and sesame crackers; that delicious hot artichoke dip with mayonnaise and parmesan; a mixture of olives, fresh mozarella balls in olive oil with garlic; crusty bread, and pumpernickel pizza squares.

Christmas Cookies

"Great brewed coffees, regular and decaf, and the desserts include all my favorites: Christmas cookies, such as sugared Mexican wedding cakes, buttery spritzes shaped as wreaths with butter icing bows and holly; and decorated Christmas trees, lemon bars, little cappuccino cheesecakes, fudge with black walnuts, almond oatlies and shortbread with lemon curd; currant and mincemeat tarts, and a couple of kinds of biscotti, such as lemon pecan and almond ginger, to dunk in the coffee or wine.

"Of course, there are ethnic sweet Christmas breads, including stollen — powder-sugared and aged to perfection. The *piece de resistance* would be a dacquoise made from ground hazelnuts and filled with chocolate butter cream and topped with raspberry butter cream and whipped cream. No calories there!"

Children are special visitors, and whether they are family or offspring of friends, they give the holiday special meaning. But, depending on together, but there is also their ages, it can require stress. You want to make some extra planning to see sure there is enough for kids that all goes well. Stress can to do.

easily creep into the holidays, and tired or bored kids can tip the balance.

A Princeton neighbor looks forward to all the family children coming. "I enjoy entertaining them, and there is great joy in everyone getting

"My sister-in-law has this great attic with costumes. The kids can grab whatever costume they like and create movies using the Camcorder. We adults are then invited to the shows —everything from

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a Christmas Pageant with shepherds and Wise Men to "Saturday Night Live" to *Little Women*. What fun to watch these movies as the kids grow up.

Story-telling

"Also, big sheets of paper with crayons are helpful for young ones, and there are wonderful board games, cards, puzzies, and videos to amuse them. Old photo albums of the kids, when they were younger with story-telling about the kids or their parents is always popular."

Another friend adds that showing the children pictures of their parents when they were the kids' ages is a favorite activity. Also, she reports, "Children as young as nine will organize younger ones into giving plays, which can be quite elaborate, and include giving tickets, assigning seats to the playgoers, and making a program."

My New York entertaining expert suggests saving some tree decorating for children. They can string Cheerios, cranberries, or popcorn, or make paper chains. "You can have all the supplies ready, and even if they don't want to do it (although they always do!), nothing is really lost."

Video games or no video games. Some people approve and some don't. There's no question that these electronic entertainments are good baby sitters, but as one friend, mother of three, puts it: "I don't approve of the 'give them video games or play station games, and they'll amuse themselves.' There are lots more fun things to do. if all else fails, resort to the video stuff, but try other things first.

"For example," she continues, "have a Christmas scavenger hunt (warn the neigh-

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bors first!) Give each team a list of things to bring back, such as a red Christmas ball, a piece of red and green plaid ribbon, a length of tinsel, a Christmas cookie, a piece of fruitcake, etc. You can do this before Christmas or a day or two after. It's best with adult supervision.

"Also, young children can cut out red and green (or for Hanukkah, blue and white) construction paper into lengths and make chains to hang around the house. They can also use aluminum foil for this."

She also mentions Christmas trivia cards, which are available at gift shops and in catalogs. "Play these games with adults and children. You can also make up your own cards. For example, what color is Rudolph's nose? Name all of Santa's reindeer. What roasts on an open fire in 'The Christmas Song'? and so on."

So often, simple is best, adds my Honey Brook Drive friend. "One of the things that will amuse children for hours is playing with big appliance boxes. One year, we got a new refrigerator, and it was delivered in a huge box. With adult help, the kids cut out windows and doors, and used it as a playhouse for months — until it finally fell apart!"

Kiddie Pleasers

Other kiddie pleasers are the big Santa, Snowmen, Rudolph and other reindeer-shaped helium balloons. With cardboard feet, they will "follow you around", and it's fun for kids and adults alike.

Other indoor ideas include toys and toy box, and books, of course. Read to little ones and have new readers (first grade) read to you. Arts and crafts, things to do and to make, including table decorations and place cards, will keep them busy.

Also, have a supply of holiday and children's movie tapes that you and the kids can watch together. It's fun and an inexpensive entertainment device.

If there is snow, great! There must be a hill nearby and some sleds. Building a snowman or fort, or helping shovel is great outdoor activity, and again, all that exercise will result in "early to bed!"

My neighbor likes to take her grandchildren to the playground or park. "Even when it's cold. There are wonderful places here in Prtnceton to take the kids, including Barbara Smoyer Park and Terhune's to see the farm animals. And then, after all that time outside, it's fun to hurry home to hot chocolate or cider.

"Also,. if the children are old enough, a visit to a museum or planetartum can be a wonderful experience."

Spending Time

Another friend points out that just being with the children is an important part of the holidays.

"Take turns with one or two adults, spending time with kids after they are excused from the table. In fact, it's nice for everyone to go for a walk together, and then come back for dessert. Kids love walking with all the adults. It makes them feel important. It's everyone all together.

"Just remember," she adds, "we are building memories for the kids as we spend time with them over the holidays. Passing on family traditions and the stories that go along with them is important for children."

Occasionally, holiday guests have special needs or situations. For example, if they must bring their dog along, there are doggie day care centers in the area, where Rover can have exercise and playtime with companionable dogs.

In deference to nonsmokers, most guests who smoke nowadays will do so outside the house. Most hosts are not shy about asking smokers to step outside.

If guests are staying for a lengthy visit and adhere to a rigorous exercise regimen, there are numerous gyms for them to work off the holiday calories.

And keep in mind, as one friend quoted from a hotel marketing campaign: "Just because you love them doesn't mean you have to sleep with them! The idea, of course, that rather than have snoring grandpa, howling baby, fussy aunt, etc. stay with you, get them hotel rooms. This allows them to spend the day and evening with you, but gives them and you additional privacy.

But most of us opt to have guests stay in our homes, enjoying the chance to be with friends and family members we don't see regularly. It is a way to continue cherished holiday traditions and create new ones, always remembering that the best gift is the gift of time spent together.

—Jean Stratton

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MUSIC REVIEW

New Jersey Symphony Richardson Concert Is Performed Friday Without a Conductor

It is hard to imagine a time when there were no orchestra conductors and ensembles were led by the players themselves — so strong is the persona of the orchestral music director these days. The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is currently in the midst of a search for a new music director, replacing Zdenek Macal. This season's NJSO series, which includes Richardson Auditorium, has been led by guest conductors to this point, but on Friday night, the Orchestra arrived without a conductor to perform three works hovering on the borderline between chamber and orchestral, and led by concertmaster Eric Wyrick.

Of the three works presented, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* was most tailor-made for a conductor-less ensemble, and Rossini's Overture to *Semiramide* and Dvorak's *Serenade in D minor* were impressively performed with a combination of precise playing and instrumental teamwork.

Clean, Classical Sound

In a large ensemble, such as that which performed the Rossini, the first chairs will take much more responsibility when there is no conductor, and this was clearly evident in the sequential entrances which opened the one-movement Overture. All of the string and wind sections were cognizant of one another's nuances, and the more than 40 players presented a clean and Classical sound. Timpanist Randall Hicks was key in keeping the players ahead of the beat, since if they played by sound alone, they would slow down the rhythm. The celli were especially effective in leading an internal change in tempo, and the strings were well-unified in the recapitulation of the primary theme.

Dvorak's *Serenade in D minor, Op. 44* was scored for a smaller ensemble of winds, horns, and a couple of lower strings, led by oboist Carolyn Pollak. The rhythmic energy of the first movement "Moderato quasi marcia" was carried by the single cello and double bass, and the two oboes brought out the slightly Eastern flavor. There were often dialogues between the two oboes and two clarinets, as in the second movement "Menuetto," and both pairs of instruments played cleanly, especially the clarinets in the quick-moving "Trio."

Ms. Pollak and solo clarinetist Karl Herman created the emotional atmosphere of the third movement "Andante," and the pair of bassoons closed the movement well with a rubato leading to the fourth movement return of the march theme. The hunting call effects of the brass were a good set-up for the final set of pieces on the program: Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons for Violin and Orchestra*, Op. 8.

Solo Violinist

These four concerti, each of which was divided into three short movements, were led by Mr. Wyrick as solo violinist, accompanied by an ensemble of strings. As explained in program notes by one of the musicians, the art of playing without a conductor is all in the rehearsal — coordinating phrasing and musical intention. The very recognizable "Spring" Concerto *in E major* was played more dramatically than many Baroque specialty ensembles play these works, and the phrasing and slurs were done uniformly among soloist and ensemble players.

Throughout the four concerti, the strings played unisons fully and consistently, contrasting with the sometimes dry and vibrato-less playing of Mr. Wyrick. Mr. Wyrick's straight-tone playing was effective in creating the heat of the "Summer" concerto, and his solo movements, often paired only with one first and one second violin, were at times exquisite. Mr. Wyrick was also often accompanied by a solo cellist and harpsichordist playing continuo, for a different type of seasonal effect. Unfortunately, the "virtuosi of the NJSO" were all but unnamed in this performance, particularly the consistent and impressive harpsichordist.

The effective communication among the players enabled them to shift gears quickly, such as the second movement of "Winter," which paired the solo violin with *pizzicato* accompaniment at a brisk clip. It was in "Winter" that Mr. Wyrick played with the most color and vibrancy of the evening, creating a good contrast with the rest of the concerti.

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will clearly identify a new music director in the coming months. However, an orchestra is often the sum of its individual players, and in the ease of the NJSO, it was clear that these players could step out on their own. A piece such as the Berlioz *Symphony fantastique* (for which Mr. Macal will return to the podium in February) would never succeed without a conductor, but the three works performed on Friday night by the "virtuosi of the NJSO" no doubt stretched the players as an ensemble and gave them a chance to perform repertoire a conductor might not program.

—Nancy Plum

The NJSO's next performance at Richardson Auditorium will be Friday, January 3, at 8 p.m. This performance will feature conductor Roberto Minczak and violinist Leila Josefawicz, and will include music of Samuel Barber, John Adams, and Robert Schumann. Call (800) ALLEGRO or visit www.njsymphony.org.

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"A Christmas Carol" Returns to McCarter For the Holidays

An annual tradition, McCarter Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, *A Christmas Carol*, returns December 9 through December 29. The timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge's encounters with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future "is a fitting and joyous reminder of the power we all possess to make the world a better place to live," said Producing Director Mara Isaacs.

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Broadway veteran John Christopher Jones as Ebenezer Scrooge leads the cast of 35 actors, dancers and singers. His Broadway credits include *Otherwise Engaged*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Iceman Cometh* and *The Goodbye Girl*. He was seen last season at McCarter in Edward Albee's *All Over* with Rosemary Harris.

Kena Tangi Dorsey

Aloysius Gigl will make his McCarter debut in the role of Scrooge's former partner, Jacob Marley. Kena Tangi Dorsey, another new face in this year's cast, will play the Ghost of Christmas Present. Ms. Dorsey has appeared on Broadway in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, with Whoopi Goldberg.

Familiar faces returning to the McCarter stage in *A Christmas Carol* include Michi Barall as Belle, Jason Bowcutt as Young Scrooge, Simon Brooking as Bob Cratchit, Judith Hawking as Mrs. Cratchit, and James Ludwig.

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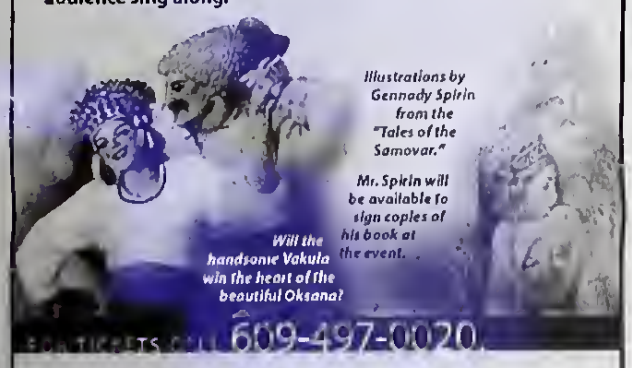

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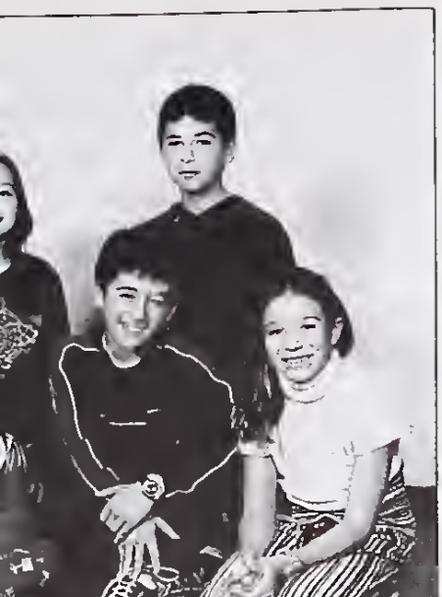

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Mr. Goodman first appeared at OBT in the 1988 production of *Lies and Legends*. He has since appeared in nine other OBT productions, often playing his guitar.

Ms. Linkin appeared recently in OBT's production of *Hocus Pocus*. Mr. Orr was featured in OBT's last two musicals, *Hotel D'Amour* and *Stardust*.

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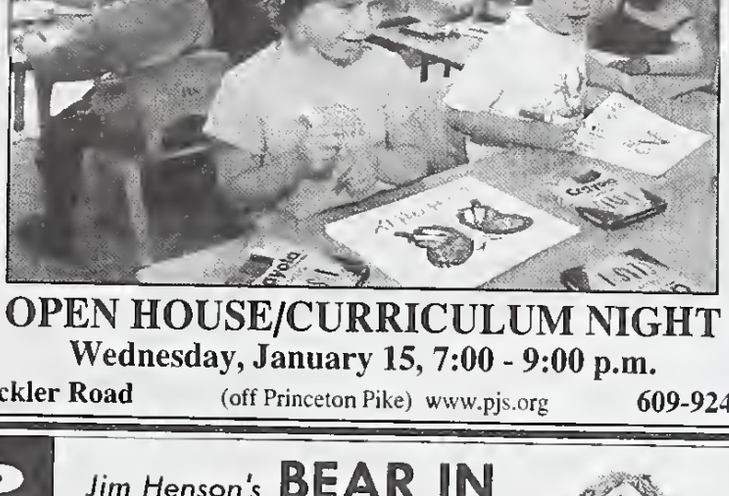

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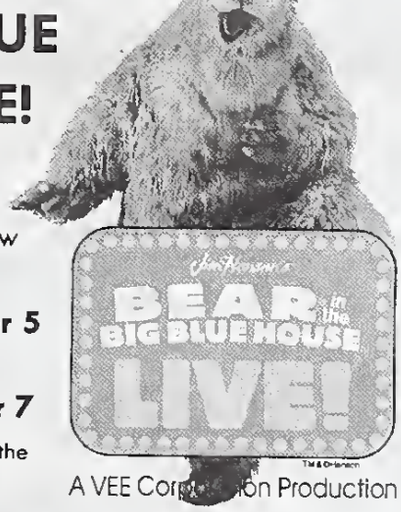

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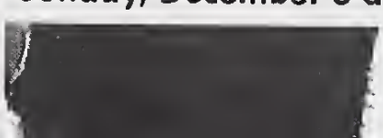

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Holiday Concerts Will Continue At Westminster

Westminster Choir College will continue its holiday schedule with its annual Evening of Readings and Carols, to be performed in the Princeton University Chapel at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 13. Tickets are $35 and $25, with a discount price of $15 for students and seniors.

Performers will include the Westminster Chapel Choir, led by conductor James Jordan; the Westminster Schola Cantorum, with conductor Heather Buchanan; and the Westminster Symphonic Choir, with conductor Joseph Flummerfelt.

The Westminster Community Chorus and Chamber Choir will present "A Christmas Celebration" on Sunday, December 15, at 8 p.m. The ensembles, composed of community members and conducted by Devin Marlman, will perform a program of holiday favorites. Tickets are $7, general admission, and $5, students and seniors.

The Westminster Conservatory Chamber Singers, conducted by Robert Keating, will perform its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 21, at 4 p.m. Tickets are $7, general admission, and $5, students and seniors.

On Saturday, December 21, at 8 p.m., Eugene Roan, harpsichord, and John Burkhalter, recorder, will present "Music for Christmas from the Age of the Baroque in Holland and France." Performing with them will be Jill Crawford, flute; Alistair MacRae, cello; and Patrick Wood, violin. Tickets are $20, general admission, and $15, students and seniors.

Fuma Sacra, Westminster's resident ensemble specializing in early music, will present "A Renaissance Christmas" at 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, and Monday, December 23. Conducted by Andrew Megill, the group will perform works by Monteverdi, Schutz, Hassler, and Padilla. Tickets are $20, general admission, and $15, students and seniors.

With the exception of the December 13 performance, all performances will take place in the Bristol Chapel on the Westminster campus on Walnut Lane. For tickets and information, call the Westminster box office at 921-2663.

AT THE CINEMA

Analyze That (R) Sequel to the 1999 comedy *Analyze This*, with Robert DeNiro as the gangster and Billy Crystal as his analyst, is more violent than the original.

Bowling for Columbine (R) Michael Moore's provocative documentary about gun violence in America takes him from Columbine High School to Charlton Heston's home.

Die Another Day (PG-13) Filled with gadgets, action and one-liners, the 20th James Bond film has Pierce Brosnan back as 007, Halle Berry as the heroine.

8 Crazy Nights (PG-13) Gross-out humor from Adam Sandler in a cartoon comedy loosely about the eight nights of Hanukkah.

8 Mile (R) Fictional biography of struggling rap artist in 1995 Detroit, starring rapper Eminem and Kim Basinger as his mother.

El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) An ambitious priest succumbs to seduction and corruption in Carlos Carrera's controversial film, a huge hit in Mexico despite its condemnation by the Catholic Church.

The Emperor's Club (PG-13) An inspiring prep school classics teacher (Kevin Kline) must deal with a troublemaking student (Emile Hirsch).

Far from Heaven (PG-13) Drama set in 1950s about forbidden love – the husband's homosexuality, his wife's interracial attraction. With Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore as the couple, Dennis Haysbert as their gardener.

Frida (R) Biography of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo stars Salma Hayek in lead role, Alfred Molina as muralist Diego Rivera. With Edward Norton, Geoffrey Rush and Antonio Banderas.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Harry is back at Hogwarts in the second of seven planned films based on the popular J.K. Rowling series.

Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Mistaken identity is added to the Cinderella fable to propel this romantic comedy about mismatched lovers: a hotel maid (Jennifer Lopez) and an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes).

Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) The garment factory or college? An overweight Mexican-American high school graduate (America Ferrera) battles her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) over her future.

Santa Clause 2 (G) Sequel to 1994 family comedy requires that Santa (Tim Allen) remarry.

Solaris (PG-13) Writer-director Steven Soderbergh's first sci-fi movie stars George Clooney as a psychologist sent to investigate the fate of a space station orbiting the planet Solaris.

They (PG-13) Things that go bump in the night in children's dreams become adult nightmares when "they" return. A dark horror story from Robert Harmon.

Treasure Planet (PG) Computer-animated update of *Treasure Island* adventure features robots, cyborgs and strange space creatures in imaginative family film.

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Holiday Play, Caroling Set for Kelsey Theater

The Kelsey Players, directed by Diane Wargo, will perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. Performances are scheduled for Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 14, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.; and Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

An annual tradition at Kelsey, the show aims to capture the wonder and excitement of Christmas as envisioned in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," the popular holiday poem written by Clement Moore for his daughter. The audience is invited to join in caroling before the show.

Tickets are $8 and can be purchased through www.keiseytheatre.org or by calling the box office at 584-9444. Kelsey Theatre is iocated on Mercer County Community College's West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

Strength of Human Spirit Is Subject of Dance Work

Connections Dance Theater will perform a new work entitled "Moving Forward" at Princeton University's Hamilton Murray Theater on Friday, December 13, at 8 p.m.

The one hour and fifteen minute work will explore the aftermath of human loss and the ways in which individuals and society can unite, rebuild, and renew. "Moving Forward" seeks to show the resilience of the human spirit in the face of disaster and the potential for a renewed and more peaceful society.

The performance will combine modern dance, dance theater and tango choreography, music, videos, and masks. To create the work, Connections' artistic director and choreographer Liliana Attar collaborated with playwright Sonya Aronowitz, and plastic artist Laura Tabakman.

Connections Dance Theater is an Argentine professional dance company based in Princeton and New York City. The company uses dance performance to tell stories about people, emotions, and society. It also seeks to show the values of Latin American culture, especially that of Argentina.

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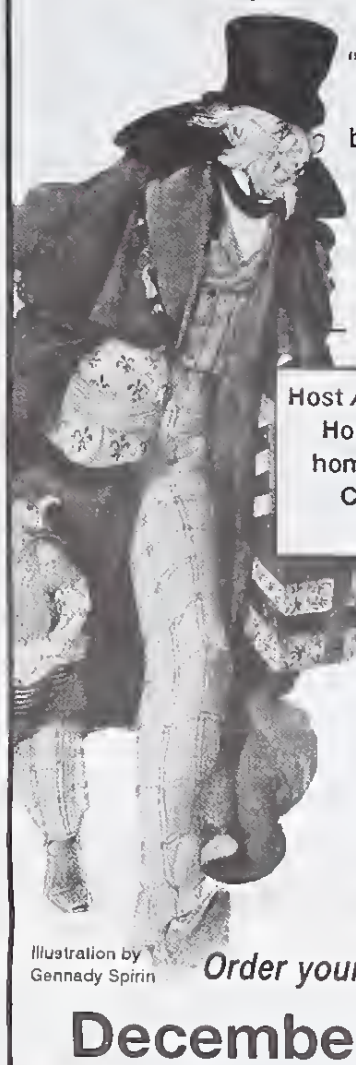

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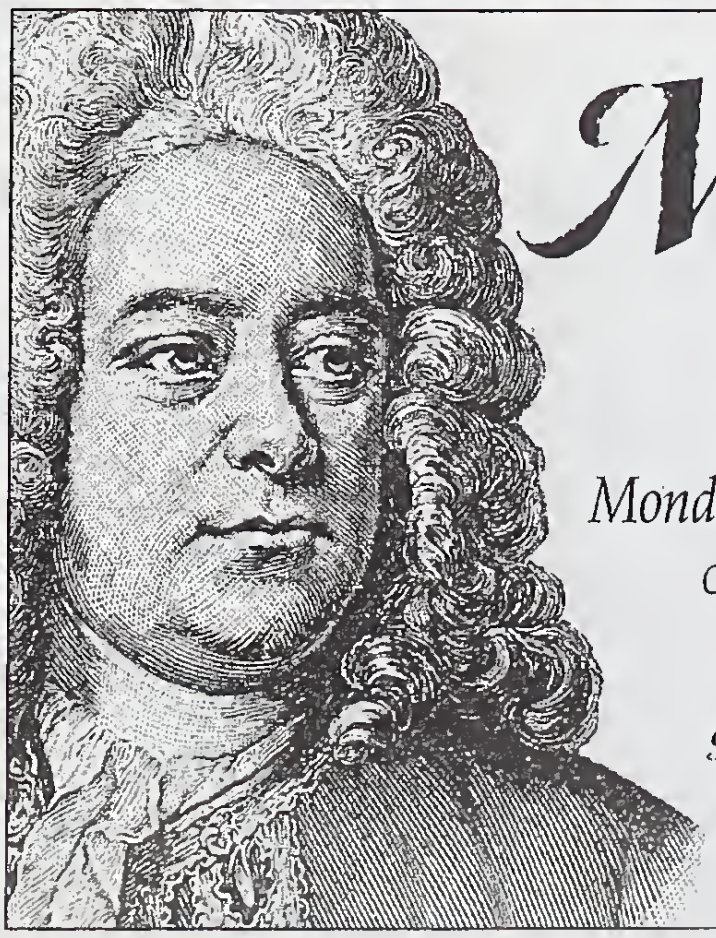

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HOLIDAY SHOW: Fay Sciarra of Lawrenceville and Gwendoline Pieters of Roguefort-la-Bedoule, France, whose work is shown above, will be featured in an exhibition and holiday show at Birds of a Feather on December 5 and 6.

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Birds of a Feather To Hold Holiday Show

Birds of a Feather will host a holiday show on Thursday, December 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The evening reception will include hors d'oeuvres and wine.

The holiday show will feature original paintings, found object art, and limited edition prints by Fay Sciarra of Lawrenceville as well as original dry pastel works by Gwendoline Pieters of Roguefort-la-Bedoule, France. Both artists will be present at the evening reception to share their art with attendees.

In addition, the holiday show will feature Hawaiian monoprints and collages by Cathy Morgan, designer holiday vintage slipdresses by Sunny, and nostalgic-style baby gear by Chia and Cotton Candy.

Birds of a Feather is located at 61 Main Street in Kingston. For more information, call 683-5514.

Artsbridge Workshop Plans "Writer's Gallery"

The Artsbridge Writers Workshop recently announce the jurors who will be judging submissions for the fifth anniversary edition of their popular literary anthology, *The Writer's Gallery*, scheduled for publication in September 2003.

For the first time, submissions to *The Writer's Gallery* are being juried by a panel that includes members outside the Artsbridge organization.

"Artsbridge is taking this step to move toward a broader interpretation of the written word as it appears in our publication," explained publisher Mary Shafer.

"We've made a constant effort to enhance the value of the work published in *The Writer's Gallery*," editor Maire Vleth added, "and we believe adding outside viewpoints to the jurying process will ensure a diverse and well-rounded selection of work to keep the publication fresh."

Ms. Shafer concurred, saying that the addition of non-Artsbridge members to the jury will also help provide balance in determining that the content stay true to the mission of the gallery as the voice of the Delaware Valley. This is particularly important, since 2003 marks the first year that submissions are being accepted from Artsbridge members outside the valley.

Among the jurors is author Kate Gallison, who brings a background as an accomplished novelist to the Writers Gallery jury. She has published five mystery novels set in the Lambertville area, and she is currently at work on a historical series.

Poet Anne Marie Macari lends the eye and ear of a published poet to the jury. Her collection "Ivory Cradle" won the American Poetry Review First Book prize in 2000.

Published fiction, poetry and non-fiction works, Joy E. Stocke bring a more widely ranging view of the written word to the table. She has traveled extensively through Turkey and is currently writing a book about her journeys.

For years, Artsbridge member Harvey Steinberg has shared responsibilities for coordinating the Writers Workshop, and continues to be an active participant. He is an eclectic writer, equally at home with short stories and poetry, and is currently working on plays.

Artsbridge member Henry Harvey has published several short stories. One of his novels has been optioned for a movie, and his screenplay, "Potters Mill," won Third Prize in the Writers' Room of Bucks County's screenwriting competition.

Writers and visual artists are encouraged to submit work for consideration by December 31, 2002. There is no designated theme or subject matter for this edition, but writers and artists are especially encouraged to submit work that examines and celebrates the role and meaning art plays in this life.

Full submission guidelines can be viewed at www.artsbridgeonline.com/artsbridge/writers, or a copy can be requested by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mary Shafer, Publisher, 2003 Writer's Gallery Guidelines, PO Box 97, Ferndale, PA 18921.

IN ALL ITS FORMS: The Hrefna Jonsdottir Gallery, located at 24 Bridge Street in Lambertville, will display works by Slade Graves, including the above oil painting entitled "Truth," and small works by gallery artists in an exhibition that will run from Saturday, December 7 through Saturday, December 28. For more information, call 397-3274.

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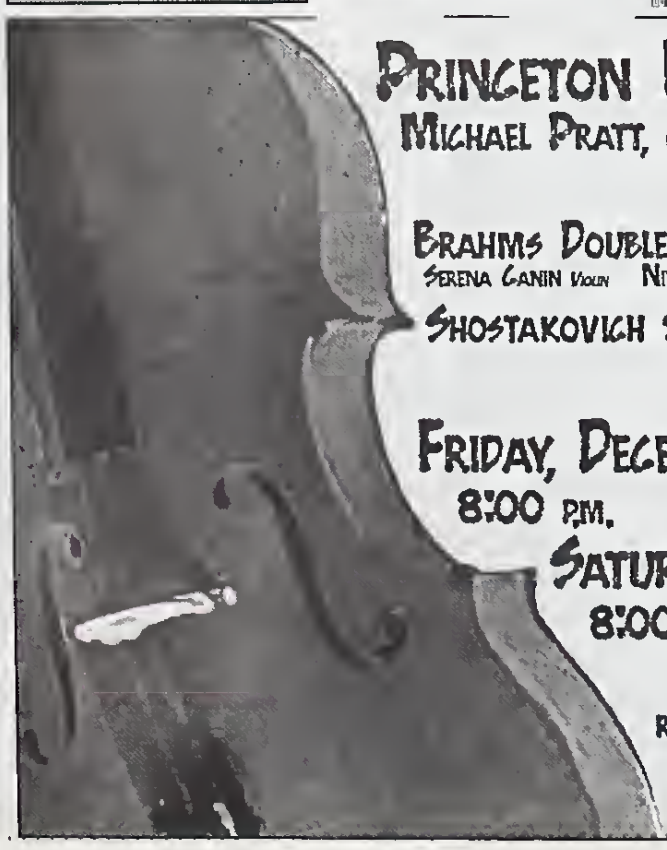

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Workshop in Miniatures Scheduled at YWCA

"A Day of Miniatures," a workshop in building scale models of dollhouses, will be offered at the YWCA Princeton on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program, for teens and adults, will be taught by Liz Adams, whose work has been juried into national shows.

No previous experience is necessary to make tiny furniture, books, food, spectacles with lenses, cups, saucers, houseplants, and more. Participants will also learn how to plan and create a vignette (stand-alone scene) to use as a tabletop decoration or holiday gift.

The fee is $36 for YWCA members, $46 for nonmembers, and includes the cost of materials. To register call (609) 497-2100.

MCCC Gallery to "Line" Up Regional Art in Exhibition

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) is hosting "Line of Inquiry," a group show of regional contemporary artists, through Thursday, December 19.

Artists featured in the exhibit include Rider University professor Harry Naar, Joy Kreves, Elizabeth McCue, Helen Mirkil, and Paul Mordetsky, all of whom use "line" as a major element in their work.

"This show explores the use of line in the artwork of five outstanding regional artists," said Tricia Fagan, director of the Gallery at MCCC. "Working in various mediums — ranging from ink on paper to cast bronze — each has developed a singular style in which line is used to energize, define, shape, or — in many cases — to actually create their art."

Gallery talks are scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, December 11 at 12 p.m.

"Ever since I can remember, I have always made drawings," said Prof. Naar. "At a certain point, I decided that a pen, whether ball-point or felt-tipped allowed me, in an ironic way, more freedom. Since then, I have become more aware of the beauty and the purity of the single line and overlapping lines. The drawings in this exhibition have developed directly from that experience."

The gallery is located in the communications building at MCCC's West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, 586-4800, ext. 3589 or visit www.mccc.edu.

Montgomery Center to Host Holiday Workshop, Show

On consecutive Saturdays, December 7 and December 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Montgomery Center for the Arts will host Holiday Crafts Workshops for children.

During the workshop, children will create traditional crafts from around the world for gift giving this holiday season. It will provide young artists of ages 7 to 11 with the opportunity to create hand-crafted gifts in the true spirit of giving. The cost of the workshop is $95 for nonmembers and $80 for members.

In addition, from Sunday, December 8 through Sunday, December 22, the Montgomery Center for the Arts will host a show and sale of small works by the Creative Artist Guild.

The public is invited to meet the artists at an opening reception on Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Works to be featured include paintings, drawings, photographs, and prints that represent a diverse range of styles from representational to abstract. Participating artists include Jane Adriance, Susan Antin, Connie Gray, Mary Kramarenko, Diane Patton, Darlene Prestbo, Colin Throm, and Lorraine Williams.

Blackwells Mills House Hosts Three-Day Exhibition

"Recent Paintings," an exhibition of works by Biff Heins, will appear at the Historic Blackwells Mills Canal House from Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8.

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December Talks Prepared At University Art Museum

The Princeton University Art Museum will continue its gallery talk series by hosting presentations for all ages throughout the month of December.

On Friday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m., Peter Barbieri, a Ph.D. candidate in the department of art and archaeology, will present "Sketches, Studies, Pictures, and Views: Nineteenth-Century Landscape in Europe."

In addition, the museum has planned a series of children's talks. Intended for children ages 5 through 9, the talks will take place Saturdays at 11.

"Glyphs and Calligraphy in the Museum" will be presented by Susan Jenkins, a museum docent, on December 7. Museum docent Laura Kruskal will present "Origami for Kids" on December 14. On December 21, Norman Elger, a museum docent, will present "It's Raining Snakes and Serpents."

In related news, the museum will host "Bella Italia: A Sampling of Early Italian Music," a performance by the Engelchor Consort on Sunday, December 15 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

All talks will be held in the Princeton University Art Museum, located in the middle of the University campus next to Prospect House and Gardens. The museum is free and open to the public. Due to ongoing construction, visitors should use the staff entrance on the west side of the building, across the green from Dodd Hall.

For more information, call 258-3828 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Cranbury Station Gallery To Celebrate 20 Years

In commemoration of its 20th anniversary, Cranbury Station Gallery will exhibit a collection of new works by Kathleen Maguire Morolda, the gallery's owner, throughout the month of December.

RECENT PAINTINGS: Works by Biff Heins, including the above "Mislayed," will be among the artist's paintings on display in a three-day exhibition at the Historic Blackwells Mills Canal House from December 6 through December 8.

The new watercolor and oil paintings will feature landscapes and florals, and limited edition prints — depicting scenes of the Princeton area — will be incorporated into the show.

Cranbury Station Gallery is located at 28 Palmer Square East. The gallery is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 921-0434.

Seminary Gallery to Show "Pentimenti" Paintings

Painter Eileen Kennedy-Dyne will be featured in "Pentimenti: A Decade of Paintings," an exhibit that will run at Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery from Monday, December 9 through Friday, January 24.

A graduate of the Pratt Institute of Technology in Brooklyn, Ms. Kennedy-Dyne said that her recent work has been influenced by the illuminated manuscripts of the 13th and 14th centuries. These medieval sources, she believes, reveal the ambiguous place of women in the world of yesterday.

The term "pentimenti" refers to any of the initial phases of a painting — for example, a drawing or underpainting — that show through the uppermost, surface levels of paint. As a painting evolves, the artist may rearrange figures, adjust contours, or alter perspectives to better express his or her vision. These changes of mind, or "pentimenti," convey the process of selection or revision.

Of her work, Ms. Kennedy-Dyne says that even though it is "undeniably linear," it "plays games with space. I put figures and objects into spaces that might suffocate a live person, leaving them barely room to breathe."

A gallery talk and reception for the artist will be held on Friday, December 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Erdman Art Gallery, located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place. Regular gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The exhibit, gallery talk, and reception are open to the public free of charge. For more information, call 497-7990.

Photography Club to Hold Demonstration and Talk

The Princeton Photography Club will host a presentation by Kenneth Kaplowitz, an associate professor of art at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), regarding his photographic work on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Montgomery Center for the Arts.

Mr. Kaplowitz will demonstrate how versatile the photographic medium can be through a series of black and white slides, including multiple exposures, photo collages, plant studies, abstraction, portraiture, still lifes, and a series of tree shadows.

The coordinator of the photographic program at TCNJ for 20 years, Mr. Kaplowitz has been teaching for 39 years. He holds multiple degrees in various formats of art, has received grants to further his studios, and his work has been featured in numerous exhibitions and collections.

Founded in 1983, the Princeton Photography Club serves photographers of all skill levels and provides an environment in which members meet to exchange ideas and information and to mentor each other.

Montgomery Center for the Arts is located in the 1860 House at 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 3 and Sundays from 1 to 4. For more information, call 921-3272 or visit www.montgomerycenterforthearts.org.

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J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trust Responds to Christmas Fund Appeal

As it has for many years, the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trust has made a generous donation of $10,000 to the Town Topics Christmas Fund. This contribution has continued make the Fund an important source of assistance to those in the community who need a helping hand.

Among the many who were aided by the Fund last year were Georgia and Darryl (all names have been changed). Both were aspiring to careers that would keep them out of the poverty in which they were raised. Darryl worked for a construction company and planned to train to be a certified electrician. Georgia worked in an office and attended Mercer County Community College part-time. When she became pregnant she stopped work for four months and then resumed her schedule. But the loss of income caused financial problems.

With her mother helping to baby-sit, Georgia went back to work and school. The Town Topics Christmas fund helped pay for her college books and buy a crib. The young couple is now managing very well.

Contributions to the Fund are distributed throughout the year by Family & Children's Services of Central Jersey. To contribute, send a check, made payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund, to 4 Mercer Street, Princeton 08540. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

House Decorated For the Holidays On House Tour

Seven private homes will be open to the public on Saturday, December 7, for the benefit of the Historical Society of Princeton's educational programs. The houses represent different eras and architectural styles and are furnished today to reflect the taste of their residents.

Homes will be decorated for the holidays, with local garden clubs decorating the doors of several homes. Houses will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Two of the houses on the tour, The Gulick-Scott-Hodge House, 7 Herrontown Road, and the Mershon House, 3801 Lawrenceville Road, were built in three different centuries, with the oldest sections built in the mid-18th century.

The house at 3789 Lawrenceville Road is actually two 19th century buildings that were joined together at some unknown time and moved to the current site. During the 1920s, what is now the dining room was a general store, complete with potbellied stove.

The "Vernacular Italianate" house at 104 Mercer Street was built about 1870 and had several additions made over the years. Local sculptor Dorothea Greenbaum lived in the house in the 1970s and 1980s. It was purchased by Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985 and is now occupied by a member of its faculty.

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SPECIAL GIFTS: Wonderful gifts abound in the Lawrenceville shop, Euphorbia. Owner Mary Harrison holds an Ipa-Nima pom-pom tote bag, and also popular are the recycled seat belt bags. The line of Kate Spade paper products, as well as her new leather photo envelopes and pencil cases, are other favorites. Handmade vintage jewelry is featured, and there is a selection of The Thymes wonderfully fragrant soaps and lotions. Colorful silk wine bags make a perfect presentation for a gift of wine, and monogramming is available for silk cosmetic bags and jewelry rolls. Silk, satin, and velvet Christmas stockings are beautiful, and fun hand-painted light bulb ornaments are sure-to-please!

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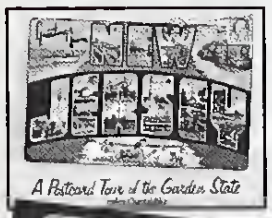

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A Postcard Taur of the Garden State
By Helen-Chantal Pike
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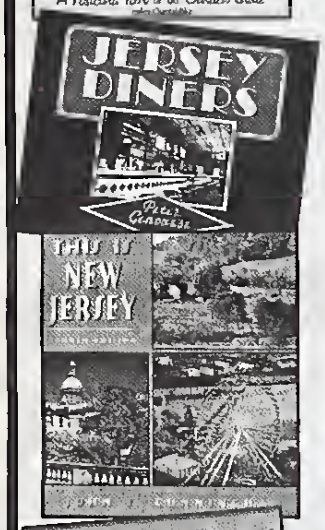

Jersey Diners By Peter Genavese
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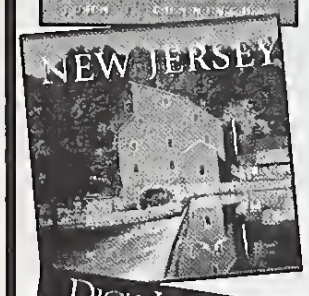
This is New Jersey By Jahn T. Cunningham
Who would be better qualified to capture the extraordinary diversity of New Jersey than John T. Cunningham, former president of the New Jersey Historical Society. This revised and updated edition is one of the most popular books ever written about our state. The beautiful photographs are by noted New Jersey photographer Walter Choroszewski.



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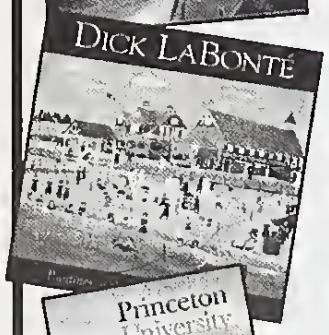

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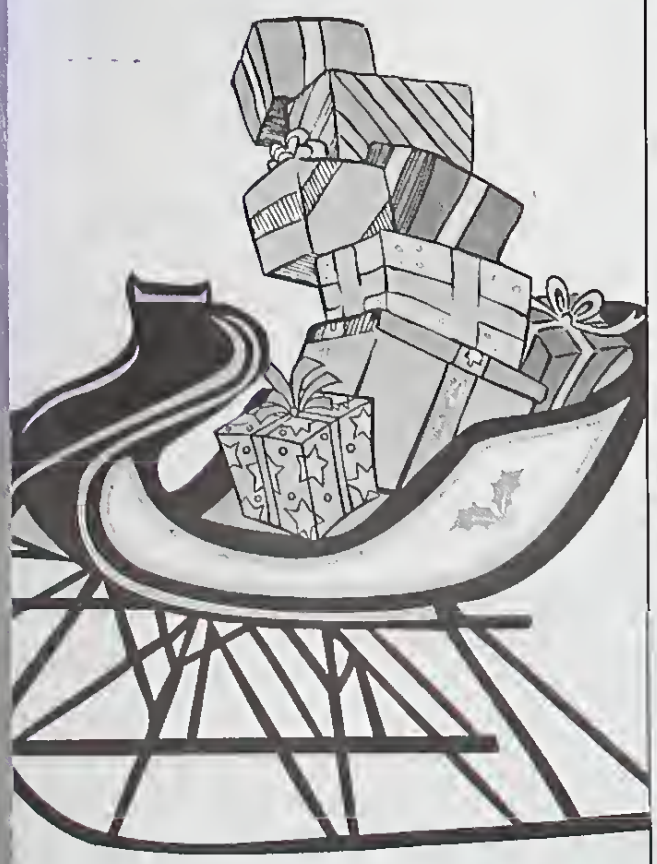

Holiday Guide

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Princeton University's 16th President, James McCosh, built a Colonial Revival shingle style house on Prospect Avenue in 1887 for his retirement years. When the eating clubs were built by the University, the McCosh house was moved to an acre of land between Wilton Street and Markham Road. In 1980, to prevent its demolition, the house was moved forward on its lot to its current location at 387 Nassau Street and renovated into condominiums, with the integrity of the house preserved.

The vernacular Victorian duplex at 23½ Chestnut Street was probably built around 1900. While it has seen many "home improvements" over the years, it retains many of its original interior architectural details.

The house at 926 Princeton-Kingston Road was undoubtedly built to take advantage of the view of Carnegie Lake. The current owners have undertaken an extensive restoration while preserving the original charm of the building, which was formerly the home of noted Princeton photographer Elizabeth G.C. Menzies.

Tickets for the Holiday Open House Tour are $25 in advance and may be purchased at Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street or at Coleman's Hamilton Supply, 65 Klockner Avenue, Hamilton Township. On the day of the tour, tickets are $30. Cash and checks will be accepted for ticket purchases at the Historical Society and all houses except 23½ Chestnut Street. Credit card ticket purchases can be accepted only at the Historical Society, Bainbridge House.

A limited number of tickets are available, by advance sale only, to include tea at Jasna Polana at the end of the day. The former Johnson estate, Jasna Polana is today a private golf club which will host tea from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for House Tour participants. Tickets for tea may not be purchased separately from the house tour. The combination ticket price is $65, which includes admission to all seven houses and the tea.

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DOWNTOWN SHOPPERS: Erin and Mark Hamrick of Princeton emerge from Chambers Walk to continue their holiday shopping on Palmer Square on Friday, the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

ONE-OF-KIND: A handmade gift is unique and personal, and Handwovens of Pennington offers knitting and weaving supplies for all your holiday needs. Owner Marna Sorenson is shown with her handwoven blanket of alpaca and merino wool. If you don't have time to make your own, a variety of handwoven scarves and blankets in mohair, chenille, and alpaca is available, and the tremendous selection of yarn in all colors and textures, including hand-dyed specialty yarns, is a visual treat. There is also a big assortment of buttons, needles, patterns and books. Classes in knitting, weaving, and spinning are offered, as are gift certificates.

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BEST FOR BIRDS: The Droll Yankee Squirrel-proof bird feeder really does the trick, says John Hart, Jr. of Rosedale Mills. A big selection of feeders and feed is on hand, as well as everything your pet could need, including an expanded toy section. "Snoozy", the bed for dogs and cats, is machine-washable and a big seller. Aquariums, tropical fish, and supplies for horses are here, and the Breyer horse selection continues to be a hot item. New this year are animal boot brushes, and Rosedale has the complete line of Carhartt clothing, featuring a current sale. Fresh-cut trees and wreaths, holiday supplies, as well as shovels and snowblowers are also in stock

St. Nicholas Project Makes Season Bright For Local Residents

Community members — individuals, families, and businesses alike — are invited to share their bounty with others who are less fortunate this holiday season.

The St. Nicholas Project, sponsored by the YWCA Princeton for the third year in a row, provides holiday presents to help local low-income families.

Participants will be matched with a family and asked to contribute presents for each child (wish lists will be provided) – often the only gifts these children receive. In addition, supermarket gift certificates for a family holiday dinner are needed, and perhaps a small gift for the parent(s).

Drop-off at the YWCA's Bramwell House porch on Paul Robeson Place will be on Wednesday, December 18, from 8 a.m. to noon, where all gifts can be left for distribution later that day.

Those who would like to participate but cannot shop for a family may make a donation to the YWCA Princeton Child Care Center at the Valley Road School Scholarship Fund. One child is funded for one day with a gift of $25, one week for $125, one month for $500, and one year for $6,000.

New or gently used used children's books also are welcomed as donations for distribution to the children of the Child Care Center and the YWCA Family Literacy Program. Special collection sites for donated books will be available at the First Union bank branch on Nassau Street, and at PNC Bank branches on Nassau Street, Princeton Shopping Center, and Route 206 just south of the Princeton Airport, until December 16.

The St. Nicholas Project, formerly known as the Adopt-a-Family Program, was organized by Jill Jachera, an attorney with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. The Project was renamed in memory of her nephew Nicholas Nutile, who was killed this past fall in an automobile accident. Ms. Jachera encourages any business or individual to join in the grass roots effort to enrich the lives of families in the community. Deadline for participation is December 9. Call Ms. Jachera at 919-6608 for more information.

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The Desk Planner costs $25 (tax deductible) and may be purchased at SAVE, 900 Herrontown Road, (from 12-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday); at SAVE's website, www.save-animals.org; and in Princeton at Micawber Books, Bowhe & Peare, Hazel & Hannah's Pawtisserie, White Lotus Futon, Arlington Capital Mortgage, Mon Visage, Landau's, Select Stationery, and Susie Paneyko.

It is also available in Kingston at Studio Japan; in Pennington at La Terraza, Dahlia Floral Concepts, and Three Dog Video; and in Hopewell at Hopewell Frame Shop, and Failte Coffee Shop.

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COLD WEATHER TREAT: Princeton residents Raz Krog, left, 10, and Dylan Zucosky, 11, drink hot chocolate Friday in front of a reindeer display adorning the window of Camber's Cafe on Palmer Square. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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FESTIVE FELINE: Palmer Square Management employees Andres Quiceno, left, and Enrique Campos decorate the square's lion on Friday.

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History on Sale at Saint Nicholas Bazaar

A bit of Princeton's landmark retail shopping history will be offered for sale on 5aturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity Church at 33 Mercer 5treet.

Hand-blown, crystal Christmas ornaments from Germany and Italy that once adorned the windows and interior of H.P. Clayton's Dry Goods & Notions store on Palmer Square will be sold by Trinity parishioner Barbara Clayton Garretson to benefit the church's outreach work.

H.P. Clayton's, owned and operated by four generations of the Clayton family, opened in 1875, originally at 70 Nassau Street, and relocated in 1939 to Palmer Square.

Thousands of Princeton residents will remember how Clayton's was decorated for the Christmas holidays. The iridescent, clear glass ornaments and elongated, hand-painted ornaments were hung by ribbon in the storefront's windows and on Christmas trees. A 1875 German polyphon, meant for an English pub, played classical music that could be heard throughout the store.

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Hors d' Oeuvres

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- *Lavish Crudite Displays*
  - *served with a roasted red pepper tarragon dip*
- *Warm Wheels of Brie topped with an apricot sauce;*
  - *served with sliced French bread*
- *Canapé of Belgian Endive*

Passed Items
- *Mushroom Caps stuffed with sausage and spinach*
- *Miniature Crab Cakes served with a citrus aioli*
- *Chicken Paillard Strips served with a mango dipping sauce*
- *Turkish Stuffed Zucchini Bites*
- *Spicy Roasted Garlic Pork Tenders*
  - *served with a Ginger coconut cream sauce*

Buffet Dinner

- *Chicken Saltimbocca*
- *Poached Salmon Roulade stuffed with braised leeks;*
  - *served with a lemon & chive buerre blanc*
- *Rice Pilaf with a Confetti of Vegetables*
- *Haricot Verts in a butter sauce*
- *Tossed Salad served with*
  - *a champagne vinaigrette and goat cheese croutons*

Buffet Dessert

- *Domestic & International Cheese Platter*
  - *garnished with fresh fruit; served with assorted crackers*
- *Assorted Bite-Size Desserts to include Brownies,*
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HANUKKAH LIGHTS: Rabbi Dovid Dubov, left, of Chabad Lubavitch of Mercer County, stands beside David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, during the square's annual menorah lighting ceremony, Monday on the Mediterra plaza. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

St. Nick and His Elves To Visit Howell Farm

St. Nick, his elves, and a jingling sleigh loaded with cookies, coal and holiday cheer will arrive at Howell Living History Farm on Saturday, December 7, highlighting an all-day program, "Christmas on the Farm."

St. Nick's sleigh will descend from the Farm's northern slopes at 12:30 p.m. Its white-bearded navigator will check Christmas lists and give out treats until 3 p.m.

The celebration will begin at 10:15 a.m., when early visitors will be able to climb aboard a horse-drawn work wagon for a ride to the pine grove to cut down a Christmas tree. Children will be given a chance to take a turn helping farmers cut the tree with a two-person saw. Afterwards, all are invited to help decorate the tree. Helpers will be treated to hot apple cider and cookies.

A children's craft program, "Pine Cone Bird Ornament," will be held in the farmhouse from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts take 20 minutes to complete and cost $3 each. Groups of eight or more must pre-register.

Farm hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until December 7. The Farm will then be closed to the public from December 8 until January 25.

Howell Farm is located on Valley Road just off Route 29 two miles south of Lambertville. Parking and admission are free.

Historical Society Tour Set at Tamarack Hall

The Historical Society of West Windsor will hold its 20th annual Holiday House Tour from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, at Tamarack Hall in Princeton Junction. The tour, which has become a holiday season tradition in West Windsor, will benefit the Historical Society.

Visitors to Tamarack Hall, also known as "the Castle," will see three floors of rooms decorated for the holiday season with a Victorian theme. The Great Hall features a five-tiered carousel lined with creche figures from around the world, and a two-story Christmas tree decorated in the style of the tree at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Every room in the Hall will have holiday decorations in addition to the collections normally displayed. The collections include musical instruments, scales, chemical lab equipment, medical equipment, antique and modern dolls, doll houses, fans, water globes, antique military and international hats, miniature shoes, Victorian kitchen equipment, copperware, quilts, wind-up toys, antique tools and farm equipment.

In addition, the Annex to the Hall contains a room-size train layout with vintage trains and nine villages. Santa Claus will greet everyone in his workshop.

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ALL DRESSED UP: Olivia Harrison, two, is ready for the holidays in her special Biscotti burgundy and gold dress in velvet and organdy. Her friend is Susan Szymanski, owner of My Lily, the children's consignment shop in Lawrenceville, featuring clothes for newborns to size 14. Winter parkas, snowsuits, coats, and boots are on display, as are special girls' holiday dresses and Brooks Brothers jackets for boys. Also available is a selection of hand-done new sweaters, hats and dresses from Okapi and Veronica. Other lines include Absorba and Catimini. New this year are assorted handmade, all-natural heirloom German toys by Kathe Kruse and Selecta.

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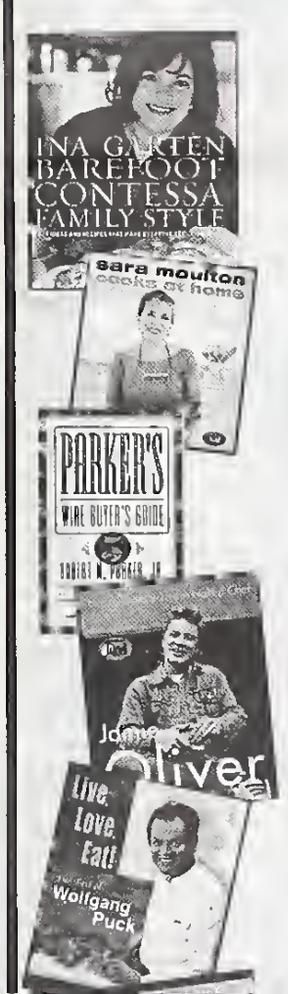

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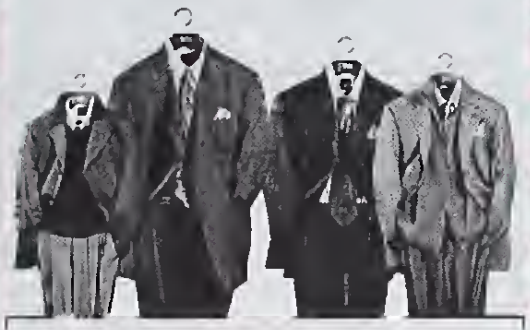

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